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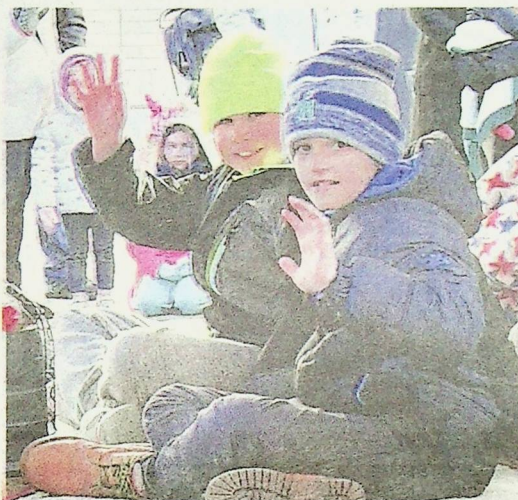
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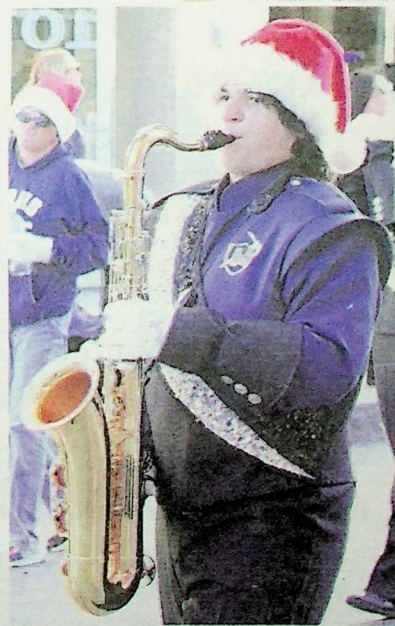


THE 71ST ANNUAL Quincy Christmas Parade was another festive affair this year. Clockwise from top left: Santa waves to spectators from atop a Quincy fire engine. Youngsters wave from one of the many floats. A flute-playing member of the Cycling Murrys rides a unicycle along the parade route. Many of the marching band members donned holiday attire. The USS Constitution Color Guard marches with the American Flag and U.S. Navy Flag. The Boston Gaelic Column Band featuring bagpipers march. The Grinch shows his musical side playing steel drums. "Krunchie Isanelf" lets a little boy know he has been caught being good as he hands him his business card along the parade route. More parade photos on Page 3, Page 16 and Page 17.

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Parker School Honors Late Teacher, Family's Donation

Joan Youngman Remembered At Special Assembly

In a heartfelt ceremony on Nov. 20, the Parker School community came together to honor the late Joan Youngman, a beloved teacher whose legacy continues to inspire both students and staff. The assembly, which focused on the theme of gratitude—the character trait for November—was a fitting tribute to Mrs. Youngman's profound impact on the lives of her students.

Principal Margaret MacNeil opened the assembly with words of appreciation for the Youngman family, particularly Carl Youngman, Joan's husband, whose generous donation made the new Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center possible.

"We are celebrating Mrs. Youngman and her legacy today, and I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to Carl Youngman and the entire family," said

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THE PARKER SCHOOL community recently came together to honor the late Joan Youngman, a beloved teacher whose legacy continues to inspire both students and staff. Here Principal Margaret MacNeil opens the assembly with words of appreciation for the Youngman family as the fifth grade class gathers behind her.



FIFTH GRADE STUDENT Akira Chang presented Carl Youngman with a crystal apple and first grade students sang a song about gratitude.



THE FAMILY OF Joan Youngman share a moment in the Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center. This new space, created with the Youngman family's generous donation, is designed to inspire a love for reading, enhance literacy skills, and provide students with the tools they need to thrive in the digital age. From left to right: Andrew Goldberg and Julie Goldberg (Joan Youngman's son-in-law and daughter), Carl Youngman (Joan Youngman's husband), Andy Youngman and Heather Youngman (Joan Youngman's son and daughter-in-law).



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QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Supt. Kevin Mulvey (above) and Mayor Thomas Koch both shared memories of Mrs. Youngman and her impact on the students of Quincy.

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Support, Opposition For Granite Links Lease Extension

50 People Speak At Four-Hour Public Hearing

By SCOTT JACKSON

During a lengthy public hearing Monday night on the proposed Granite Links lease extension, city councillors heard from 50 residents of Quincy and other communities, half of whom were in favor of the proposal and half of whom want councillors to pump the brakes on the process.

Mayor Thomas Koch in November introduced a home-rule petition that would allow the city and the operators of the golf course, Quarry Hills Associates, to enter into a 50-year lease extension for the 242-acre site. The operators of the club say the extension is needed to secure financing for improvements, including a 110-room hotel and additional parking. The lease extension would also give Quarry Hills Associates the option of purchasing a 12-acre parcel on site, where the hotel could be constructed.

The home-rule petition must be approved by the City Council – a simple majority is needed for it to pass – as well as the state legislature and the governor before it can become law. A home-rule petition to allow a 99-year lease extension had been put forward in November 2022 and was withdrawn in September 2023 following a series of hearings.

The new home-rule petition is currently pending in the council's ordinance committee, which held a public hearing on the matter

Monday. A standing-room-only audience of more than 150 people were present at the start of Monday's session, which lasted four hours.

The committee heard first from 25 people – primarily Quincy residents, but also including residents of other towns – who spoke in favor of the lease extension.

Among those in favor was Joe Salvucci of Rosemary Lane in Weymouth, the coach of the boys' golf team at Quincy High School and the combined Q-NQ girls' team. He said Granite Links has "consistently welcomed our team with respect and generosity" and "made their facilities available for matches, practices [and] team development." Salvucci added that Granite Links provided new Footjoy polo shirts to both high schools' golf programs.

"I am here to share these facts because I've heard claims that don't align with my experience and I felt compelled to present the positive impact that Granite Links has had on the youth of our city," Salvucci said. "Their generosity has been invaluable – invaluable to me as a coach and to every student-golfer that has come through our program."

Ron Affsa, a resident of Myopia Road and local business owner, said he served on the original advisory committee for Quarry Hills more than 20 years ago and has followed the project closely since its inception.

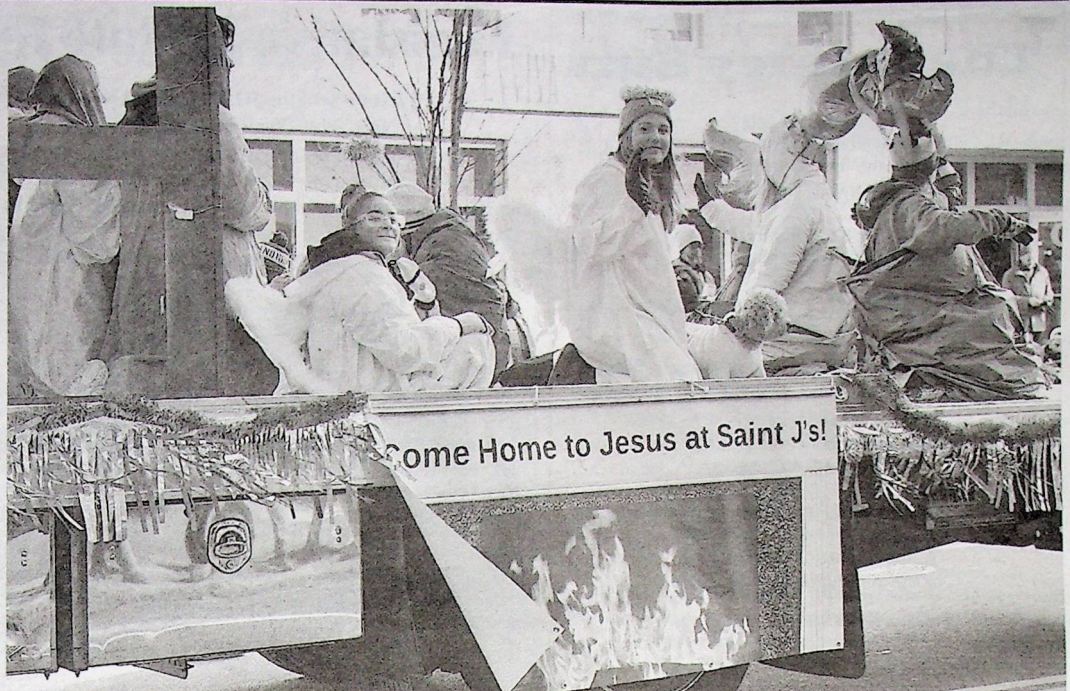
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QHS Class Of 1975 Planning 50th Reunion

Quincy High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50th reunion Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at the Tirrell Room, 254 Quarry St., Quincy.

More information to be announced.

Classmates are invited to join the QHS Class of 1975 Class Reunion Facebook page or go to qhsclassof1975@gmail.com to share your email and receive future updates.



A FLOAT ENTERED by Saint John's Collaborate won first place and \$1,500 in the non-commercial category. This year's parade theme was "Home for the Holidays." More parade photos on Page 16 and Page 17. Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

Free Tour Of Passanageset Park Saturday

The Department of Natural Resources is offering a free tour of Passanageset Park on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9 a.m.

Where is Cat Island? Why did the Army Corps of Engineers dredge Town River? This tour will share the fascinating story of how this land has changed from the time it was inhabited by the Massachusetts tribe to the present.

The tour will be approximately one mile on a gently rolling gravel path. For the safety of humans and dogs, dogs are

not permitted on the tour. Space is limited and registration is required by sending an email to sowen@quincyma.gov indicating the number of people in your group. Meeting place and tour details will be provided upon registration.

The Department of Natural Resources offers free monthly historic and nature tours in Quincy.

To receive monthly email notices of these tours, send an email request to sowen@quincyma.gov.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Dec. 23, 1982, Chaminade University of Honolulu, a school with only 900 students, beat the top-ranked University of Virginia by a mere five points in one of the most stunning upsets in American basketball history. As ESPN's Chris Berman remarked, "We can't tell you what happened, but the No. 1 team in college basketball has lost to -- we don't even know who they are."

• On Dec. 24, 1851, a fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroyed approximately two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes, including most of Thomas Jefferson's personal library.

• On Dec. 25, 1962, the film adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" opened in Los Angeles. It was nominated for eight Oscars and won three, and the American Film Institute rated lead character Atticus Finch as the greatest movie hero of the 20th century.

• On Dec. 26, 1820, Moses Austin, a merchant turned mine owner, met with Spanish authorities in San Antonio to ask permission for 300 Anglo-American families to settle in Texas, in the hope of recovering from bankruptcy via the establishment of a new colony. His request was approved, but he died before he could carry it out, so the task was completed by his son, with more than 20,000 arrivals eventually succeeding in making Texas an independent state.

• On Dec. 27, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered his secretary of war to seize properties belonging to the Montgomery Ward company after it refused to comply with a labor agreement, announcing that the government would "not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour."

• On Dec. 28, 1908, the worst earthquake in recorded European history struck the Straits of Messina in southern Italy, leveling the cities of Messina and Reggio di Calabria and ultimately causing the deaths of an estimated 100,000 people.

• On Dec. 29, 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four of King Henry II's knights, apparently on his orders. Four years later, Henry was forced to do penance at Becket's tomb, and his efforts to end the separation between church and state came to an end.

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Thanksgiving cactus
(*Schlumbergera truncata*) displays broad, pointed leaves and may bloom from late October through November.

Christmas cactus
(*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) has scalloped, flat leaves and may bloom from late November to late January.

The "Easter cactus"
(*Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri*) displays rounded scalloped leaves, sometimes with "hairs," and may bloom from mid-March through April.

Sources: plantdesert.com, Sunny Home Gardens

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Legislative Update From Sen. John Keenan

By State Senator JOHN KEENAN
Norfolk & Plymouth District

November was another busy month for both the district and the Legislature as we signed off on an expansive economic development bill and attended a slate of Veterans Day events.

Here are some of the highlights from our work over the past few weeks.

Economic Development Bill

The Legislature passed and the Governor signed a \$4 billion economic development bill in November that funds statewide programs benefiting the district as well as specific projects underway on the local level.

Thanks to a coordinated effort by the Quincy legislative delegation, the bill includes a \$3.2 million authorization for work along Quincy's shoreline. These funds could go toward dredging Quincy Bay and making other improvements needed to ensure the city and other South Shore communities can continue to use and enjoy of this valuable resource. Additionally, this line item supports beach restoration work in Merrymount. The authorization of these bond funds lasts for five years, but ultimately cannot be expended without the approval of the Governor.

The bill also includes \$2 million in capital funding to support the construction of the Adams Presidential Center in Quincy. The City of Presidents holds the unique distinction of being the hometown of two presidents, as well as one of the most influential female voices of the American Revolution. This building would represent a fitting tribute to John. Abigail, and John Quincy Adams, and serve as a resource for future generations of leaders.

Following a town meeting vote in Rockland, I filed a bill to exempt the town's fire department from civil service law restraints which have made hiring new personnel quite difficult. The removal of this regulation via a provision in the economic development bill should result in the Rockland Fire Department being able to hire paramedic firefighters more efficiently.

The bill also contained a provision allowing Massachusetts candidates to use campaign funds to help pay for childcare costs. I had worked on this issue in my role as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws and hope that this change will open the door to public office for more individuals whose valuable voices are needed at the State House and in local elected offices.

Other Benefits

What I list above are only a few details of a broad bill. Here are a few more highlights:

- \$400 million for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to support deployment of technological solutions to climate change, particularly offshore wind farming
- \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program
- \$150 million for library construction projects
- Establishment of a five-year pilot program assisting small businesses in acquiring bonds often needed to expand

businesses.

• Removal of the requirement that a restaurant's liquor license holder be a U.S. citizen, opening the door for the many immigrants with legal status who run businesses to succeed.

Online Offerings

The electronic world of screens and hashtags keeps changing, and elected officials have to change accordingly. We have two pieces of news in this arena worth sharing.

The first is the return of virtual office hours. After initially doing these out of necessity during the pandemic, bringing them back to supplement our in-person office hours seems likely to increase participation for those that cannot get to the library or senior center or make meet for a daytime conversation. These sessions will be scheduled in advance, with each person getting a 10-minute timeslot, or longer if necessary. Our first session will be on the evening of December 10. To schedule an appointment, email dooreen.bargoot@masenate.gov.

The second piece of news is that we are expanding our social media offerings. In addition to my office's existing Facebook and X accounts, you can now follow me on Threads (@senjohnkeen) and Blue Sky (@senjohnkeenan.bsky.social) for any and all updates regarding policy, local issues, and what is happening at the State House. There has been a lot of movement in the world of social media lately, and I want to make sure I am engaging with as much of my constituency as possible.

Hope to see you there!

In The District

This Veterans Day I participated in many events throughout the district honoring the men and women who served our country. I attended the Abington Veterans Day celebration, Hanover's Veterans Day dinner, Quincy Catholic Academy's Veterans Day event, a ceremony at Flags for Vets Island in Quincy, and the Kennedy Center's Veterans Day luncheon. I also attended the dedication of the new veteran's monument at Mount Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy for those who fought in wars in the Middle East from 1990 to the present.

Another annual tradition for my office is the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation's Coats4Vets Program, through which thousands of winter coats are collected and distributed to veterans in need across the Commonwealth. Members of my staff and I spent a day travelling to each town in the district to drop off some of these donated coats to our local veterans' service offices. While making the rounds, I spoke with Travis Partington on his show, Abington Veterans Muster. Travis does great work uplifting veterans' issues in Abington and across Massachusetts, and I enjoyed speaking with him about what the Commonwealth is doing to support those who have served our country.

November also marked DECA Day on the Hill. DECA, or the Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a non-

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The Quincy Sun reserves the right to end debate on a topic after both sides have had ample chance to express their views.

The Quincy Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse all letters.

Robert H. Bosworth
Publisher
The Quincy Sun

Scenes From Yesterday



A MEMBER OF the Quincy Women's Club that was located in this stately old house sent this postcard with a Christmas greeting in 1913 to a friend in Medford. Located at 148 President's Lane, the house – named Hillside – was built in 1840 for Jeffrey Brackett, a wealthy Boston merchant. It was built amidst an orchard and a meadow previously owned by President John Adams. The three-storied shingled building with its tower of graceful proportions was a replica of the famous Sir Walter Scott estate in Scotland. Views from the tower extended from Quincy Center to the harbor islands and beyond. For many years after the Bracketts had moved away Dr. William Everett, headmaster of the Adams Academy, rented the house until he moved to what later

became the Miller Stile Inn. It was then, in 1905, that a Brackett family descendant decided to lease the house at no charge to a local organization committed to community service. In less than two weeks the Quincy Women's Club was formed to take advantage of the offer. There were 300 charter members. The club used this house as their home for over 90 years until they disbanded in the 1990's due to a dwindled membership – a fate experienced by most similar women's clubs across the country. This building is still extant although hardly recognizable; the tower is gone along with most of the other architectural details.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

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Quincy Has Undergone A True Renaissance

I recently attended many of the Christmas events this past weekend. From the tree lighting on Friday night, to Santa's arrival by helicopter at Pageant Field to the incredible Christmas Parade on Sunday and the opening of the free ice-skating rink on Monday, all of the events were jam packed with young (and not so young) families all having a great time.

I've lived in Quincy for over 50 years and have seen the city (and wonderful events like these as well as the Flag Day celebration) grow and thrive under the vision and leadership of Mayor Koch. The production value of these events gets better and better each year and more and more people

not only from Quincy, but from surrounding communities, come to Quincy to enjoy the events and as an added bonus, patronize local businesses and restaurants, bringing in additional revenue to the city.

Under this mayor, we have seen Quincy undergo a true "renaissance." The downtown looks more beautiful than it ever has; new schools are being built; the parks have been beautifully renovated; and the services and events are the envy of many of our neighboring communities.

It's no wonder that Quincy has become one of the most desirable places to live in the Commonwealth.

Harilaos Lymberopoulos
Quincy

Riley's Full Remarks RE: Tax Classification

Editor's note: The following is the full text of remarks that Deborah Riley intended to give at the City Council's tax classification public hearing Dec. 2. She was not allowed to finish her remarks by the council president.

Her remarks are as follows:

Good evening, my name is Deborah Riley and I live at 9 Landgrane St. As a 35-year resident of Quincy there are many reasons why my husband and I chose to buy a home and raise a family in this community and why we continue to do so. This is a city that has always offered much to its residents.

However, it is becoming more and more difficult for people to stay here with ever-increasing property taxes. Taxes are levied to provide essential services to residents. Public safety, education and infrastructure are all worthy of our tax dollars and we are more than willing to pay our fair share. However, the amount of money spent on recreation, entertainment, and open space projects is placing an unreasonable burden on the taxpayers, especially those on a fixed income.

Historically, from 2010 to 2018 the city's debt services accounted for 5-6% of the total budget. Since 2019, that figure has steadily climbed to the current rate of 15.55%. The overall budget in 2010 was \$227M compared to \$424M today and the total debt that the city is burdening our future citizens with is reported to be over \$1 BILLION dollars. What are we getting to justify that level of spending?

There is no doubt that public safety, education and infrastructure have understandably increased substantially but many other departments have had significant increases in

spending that are not by any means "essential."

For Example, the Cemetery, Council on Aging, Legal, and Recreation budgets have DOUBLED from 2010 to 2025. Health Inspection Services and the Parks Department have TRIPLED, and most shocking is the Municipal Finance Department, the one responsible for overseeing the finances of the city has QUADRUPLED from \$491K in 2010 to \$2.2 MILLION in 2025.

However, the Veteran's Services budget increased a modest 40% over 15 years from \$1.3 million in 2010 to \$1.8 million in 2025. After hearing so many times from many of you that "no one invests more for our veterans" this figure is most troubling. While statues and up-lit flags provide a nice photo op, they do not provide any improvement in the quality of life for our veterans. Conversely, the sizable investment in cemeteries benefits a demographic that neither vote or pay taxes.

Finally, as we see the ramp up for "Quincy 400" in 2025, I ask you to remember 400 years ago we were still under the rule of Britain's monarchy and that it took another 150 years for true independence and the end to "Taxation without Representation." YOU ARE OUR REPRESENTATION. You were elected to serve the people and our interests in 2023 although only three of you faced a challenger. I am confident that this is NOT what our Founding Fathers envisioned for the New World's democracy, and I urge you to remember who you are serving: "WE THE PEOPLE."

Thank you for your time this evening.

Deborah Riley
Ward 6 Resident

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1946
78 Years Ago

Election Board Proposed For Quincy

Quincy election machinery would be supervised by a four-man bipartisan board of election commissioners, which was proposed in legislation filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives by Rep.-Elect Charles W. Hedges (R-Quincy).

Election duty now performed by the board of registrars, the city clerk and assessors would be transferred to the board that would be appointed by the mayor under the terms of the proposal.

After filing the measure, Hedges stated, "Many citizens of the city are convinced that the present system of supervising and directing elections, practically unchanged since 1888, is entirely inadequate to properly service a community as large as Quincy. Justice cannot be administered in the most important phases of city government, the voting privileges of citizens."

KILROY OF HALIFAX PASSES

THROUGH THE CITY WITH STREET CAR

"Kilroy Was Here" – one of the best known catch phrases of World War II, was changed for a few minutes to "Kilroy Was Here In Quincy," as James J. Kilroy, 44, of Halifax, supervising the Everett to Halifax transportation of his newly won 11-ton street car, traveled through Quincy to his home in Halifax.

Kilroy, a former Boston city councillor, won the street car by writing the best letter on the origin of the phrase "Kilroy Was Here" in the contest conducted by the American Transit Company on its "Spotlight On America" broadcast.

CHRISTMAS PROMENADE DRAWS 10,000

CAROLERS TO QUINCY SQUARE

Words and music inspired by the first Christmas 1,946 years ago, echoed from every corner of Quincy Square as the voices of 10,000 people blended with the spirit of fellowship and goodwill during the fourth annual Christmas Carol Promenade.

QUINCYISMS

Foy's Markets in Quincy were advertising, "Family Northern Broad Breasted Turkeys, over 20 Pounds, 43 Cents a pound, 10-15 Pounds, 59 Cents a pound"... **Gordon S. Troupe**, 146 Granger St., Wollaston, was installed as Monarch of Taleb Grotto. Installing officer was **Raymond C. Warmington**... Thrift-Way In the Parking Area Opposite Gilchrist's, was advertising, "All Toys 25% off"... Richman Clothiers, 1625 Hancock St., Quincy Center, was suggesting, "Give Him An Adam Hat Gift Certificate"... **Fr. Francis J. Murphy**, pastor of the Star of the Sea Church in Squantum, was presented with a gift of money from the Squantum Catholic Junior Women's Club. Making the presentation was **Miss Ramona Ayers**, president of the club... **Rep-elect Charles Hedges** was the guest speaker before the Campbell Men's Club of the Wollaston Congregational Church. Mr. Hedges related some of his experience as a major in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II... **Joe Clauss** scored the winning basket as a Quincy High School basketball team defeated Gloucester High School, 31-29... **Humphrey Bogart** and **Lauren Bacall** were starring in "The Big Sleep" at the Strand Theater, Chestnut Street... The double-feature at the Lincoln Theater, Washington St., Quincy Point, included: **Paulette Goddard** in "Diary of a Chambermaid" and **Allen Lane** in "Santa Fe Uprising"... The Marvel Beauty Salon, 5 Cottage Ave, Quincy Center, was offering, "Croquignole Permanents for \$3.75"... **Walsh's Restaurant**, 9 Billings Rd., North Quincy, was advertising a "New Year's Eve Special, Lobster, Steak or Chicken Dinner, for \$3 per person"... The Quincy School Committee expected that the school budget in Quincy for 1947 would be \$1,940,000 or \$425,000 more than the 1946 budget... **Mr. and Mrs. Dwight D. Stone**, 134 Fenno St., Wollaston, were expecting a telephone call on Christmas Day from their son **PFC King G. Stone**, 19, who was stationed with the U.S. Army Air Force in Naples, Italy... The Winfield House, 853 Hancock St., Wollaston, was advertising, "Christmas Dinners, Full Course, Roast Stuffed Turkey or Broiled T-Bone Steak for \$2.50"... Quincy Kiwanis Club World War II veterans were honored at the annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Party. They included: **Capt. Myron Lane**, **Maj. Edward Loftus**, **Maj. Morgan Sargent**, **Maj. Leslie Van Raalte**, **Sgt. Melvin Weeden**, **Maj. Gray Pearson**, **Lt. Frank Remick**, and **Lt. Cmdr. Thomas S. Burgin**. Unable to attend were **Maj. George Daley** and **Gil Crofts**, **U.S.N.R.**... **Sheridan's**, Quincy's Fashion Center, Hancock St., Quincy, was advertising a, "Final Coat Sale, All Coats Marked Down"... **President Harry S. Truman** announced the Official End of World War II would be Dec. 31, 1946.

QNQ Marching Band Continues To Grow In Size, Achievement

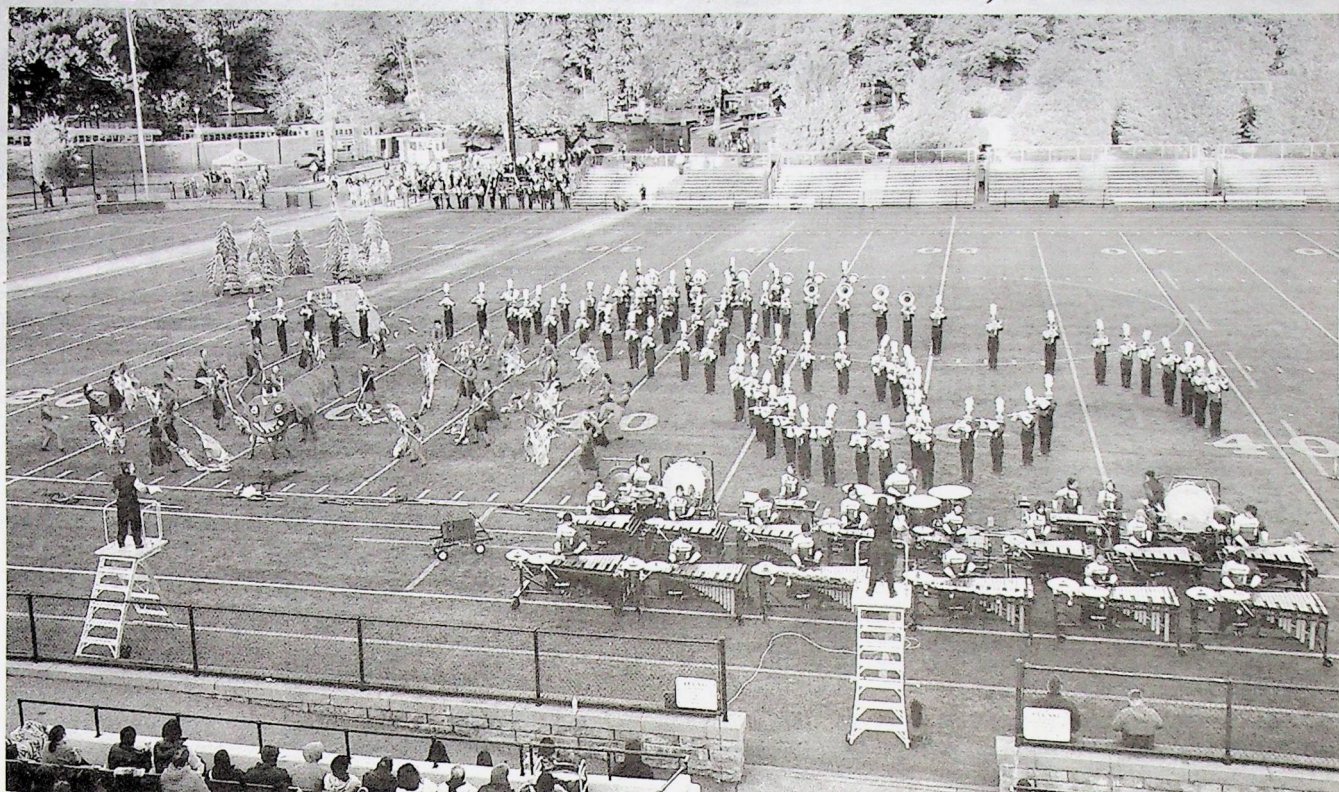
This year the Quincy-North Quincy Marching Band and Colorguard had another incredible fall marching season. They received a 4th place finish in Division V at the NESBA Fall Marching Band Championships with a historic score of 92.42. The group also achieved their first ever Gold Medal at the MICCA State Marching Band Finals in division IV held at Quincy's own Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

The gold medal at MICCA Finals also came with a 5 star rating in the individual sub-categories of music effect, visual effect, visual performance, music performance and percussion.

The QNQ Marching Band is the biggest band in both the MICCA and NESBA marching band circuits and is comprised of; 3 drum majors, a 12 member drumline, a 79 member wind section, 30 colorguard members, 2 actresses, and a 21 member pit front ensemble.

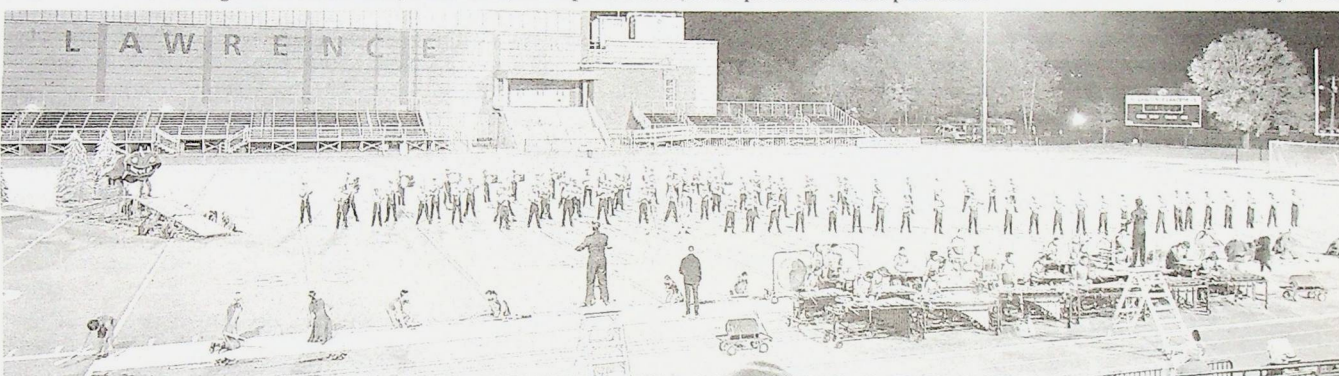
"This was by far the biggest the group has ever been," said Band Director Matt Cavanaugh. "It takes a lot to get all of those members to move on the field together, or even move logistically from one place to another, but these students have been working tirelessly since the beginning of August to make it all happen."

The group routinely uses an astounding four busses and four 26-foot moving trucks to get to and from



THE QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY Marching Band and Colorguard had another incredible fall marching season this year. They received a 4th place finish in Division V at the NESBA Fall Marching Band Championships with a historic score of 92.42. The group also achieved their first ever Gold Medal at the MICCA State Marching Band Finals in division IV held at Quincy's own Veterans' Memorial Stadium (above). The gold medal at MICCA Finals also came with a 5 star rating in the individual sub-categories of music effect, visual effect, visual performance, music performance and percussion.

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December Events At Eustis Estate

Celebrate the season at the Eustis Estate this December. The 1878 mansion, located at 1424 Canton Ave. in Milton, will be decorated for the holidays and will feature several special events, including:

- Christmas Cheers on Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m.: Enjoy appetizers and drinks in the living hall, then explore the lavishly decorated Gilded Age mansion while live holiday music fills the air.

- Gilded Glow Concert with The Harper and The Minstrel on Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m.: Raise a glass to the season, explore the house, then settle in for a gorgeous, historically inspired performance of Medieval, Renaissance, Celtic Wynter Music, and Victorian Christmas carols sung and played on a variety of traditional instruments.

- Holiday Tea on Dec. 17, 3-5 p.m.: Relax in the beautifully decorated living hall and enjoy tea sandwiches, scones, and other treats from the Vintage Tea and Cake Company. Optional champagne available.

The decorated mansion will be open every Thursday-Sunday between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 5, 2025.

For more information and to register for any of these events, go to: <https://www.historicnewengland.org/visit/events/>.



DRUM MAJORS (left to right) Cemre Gumus, Lilian Carey and Joyce Gao and Colorguard captains (left to right) Anna Kuang, Angelina Lin and Molly O'Connor after MICCA Finals at Veterans' Memorial Stadium holding the group's first ever MICCA Gold Medal.

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QCS, ENC To Present Handel's Messiah

Quincy Choral Society and members of the Eastern Nazarene College community will perform George Frederic Handel's Messiah, under the direction of Sarah Labrie, Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society.

The soloists for Messiah are Erin Mathews, soprano, Ashley Mulcahey, alto, Jason Connell, tenor, and Brandon Grimes, bass. The performance will include orchestra, organ, and harpsichord. The concert will be held at Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, 37 E. Elm Ave., Quincy, on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible. General admission is \$20. Tickets are available from choir members, online at <https://curb.com/40087/project/127291> or at the door.

Erin Mathews is a highly sought-after soprano and teacher in the Boston area. She has been seen most recently in a variety of roles including Olympia (Les contes d'Hoffmann), Flora (Turn of the Screw), Marzelline (Fidelio), Noémie (Cendrillon), Despina (Cosi fan tutte), and Johanna (Sweeney Todd). She is currently pursuing her D.M.A. at Boston University in addition to maintaining a full performance and teaching schedule.

A proud Quincy resident, Ashley Mulcahy is a mezzo-soprano active as a soloist and ensemble singer. She has performed with ensembles including the Boston Early Music Festival, Handel and Haydn Society, Newberry Consort, Parthenia Viol Consort, Blue Hill Bach Festival, Upper Val-

ley Baroque, and Ensemble Altera. She has worked as a Choral Fellow at BU's Marsh Chapel since 2019.

Tenor Jason Connell performs regularly with ensembles and opera companies throughout New England. He holds degrees from the New England Conservatory and Virginia Commonwealth University. Connell's lifelong passion has always been choral music, whether singing or conducting. His operatic performances include Ferrando (Cosi fan tutte), Don Ramiro (La Cenerentola), Rinuccio (Gianni Schicchi), and Ralph Rackstraw (H.M.S. Pinafore).

Brandon Grimes has a varied career in acting and singing. He has appeared with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as Henry Ford (Ragtime). Grimes is currently singing in the Holiday Singers Octet at the Boston Pops' holiday family matinees. The son of accompanist Giny Grimes, he has had a long association with Quincy Choral and has been soloist with them in several performances. He has performed off-Broadway, on national tours, and in regional theaters as well as on television.

Boston-based conductor, singer, and music educator, Sarah Labrie, is a Choral Director at Lexington High School in Lexington, MA. In spring 2023 she was recognized for significant contributions to Arts and Culture as Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society and was awarded the prestigious Abigail Adams Award from the City of Quincy and Mayor Thomas P. Koch.

QNQ Marching Band Continues To Grow In Size, Achievement

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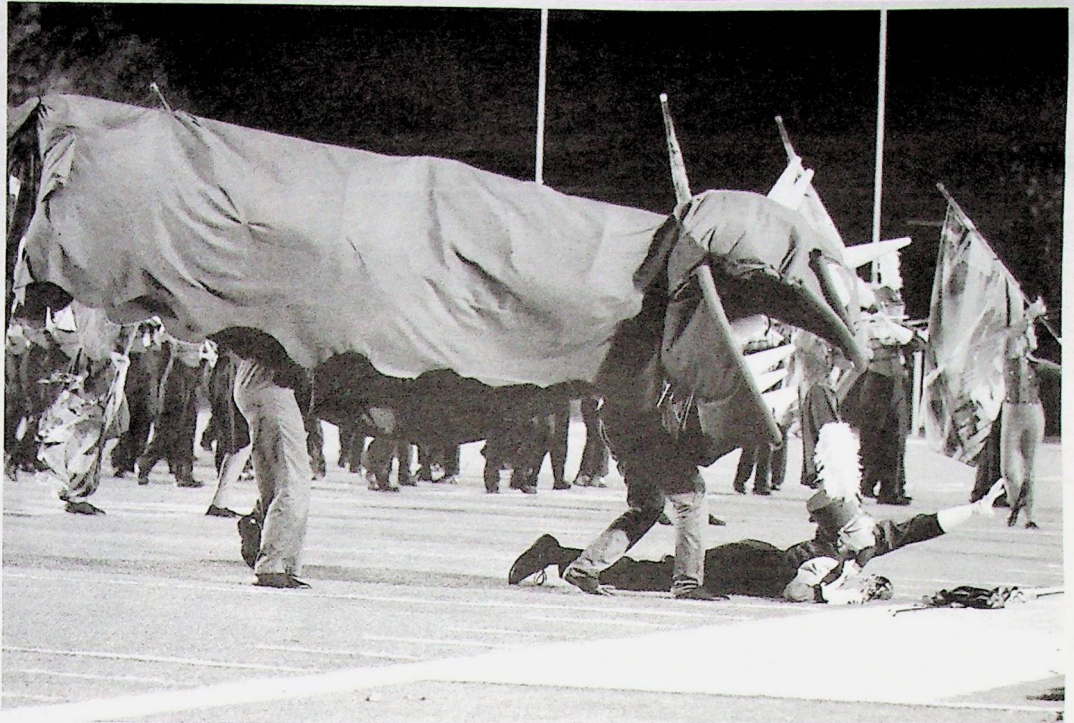
petitions. "I can't thank all of our amazing parents and volunteers enough. We had parents driving trucks and volunteering at MICCA State Finals; we couldn't have done it without them" said Mr. Cavanaugh.

Their show this year entitled "The Haunter," included music by Edvard Grieg, Anastasia the musical, J.S. Bach, & Modest Mussorgsky. It depicted a perfect village with a distant forest. This forest held back a secret in a giant monster. Halfway through the show, the monster descended on the band and colorguard members who played the townspeople. The townspeople eventually march on the monster and prevail. The

monster itself was an 8 foot long purple puppet with a working jaw, and was created and designed by QHS Theatre Director, Thomas Doucette. The monster was operated by two NQHS students during the performances.

This year the City of Quincy held the 71st Annual Christmas Parade. Ten bands competed in the parade over three separate divisions. The QNQ Band & Colorguard took best percussion, music, and first place in Div 3. The students also won best overall band for the fourth year in a row with a historic score of 97.4!

Congratulations to all the members of the QNQ Band & Colorguard on this huge accomplishment!



NORTH QUINCY High School students Fiona Troy and Annie Zhang operate the monster and attack NQHS Band member and trumpeter Tistan Andre as he attempts to take on the monster and loses.

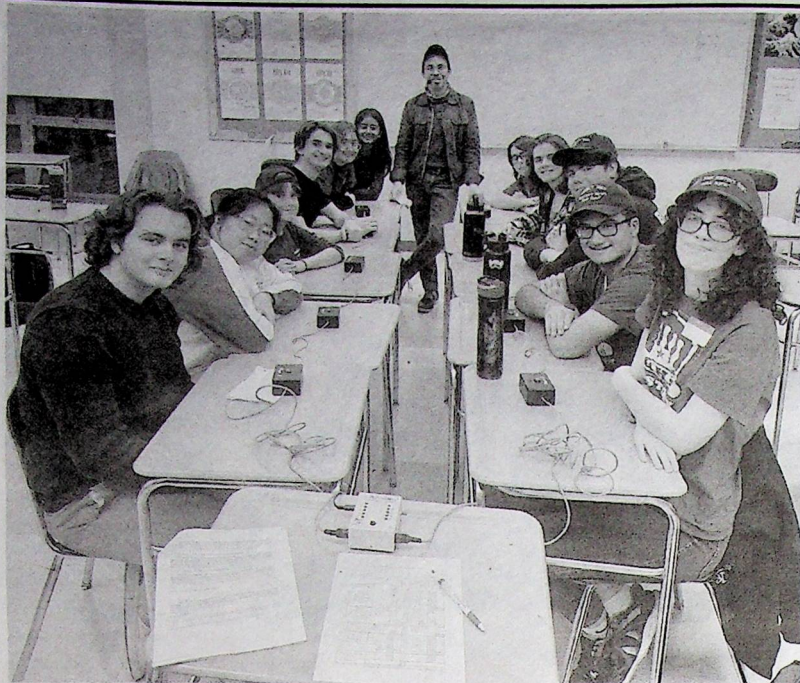


QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Colorguard Sophomore Eli Matteson holds the monster head after he defeats it.

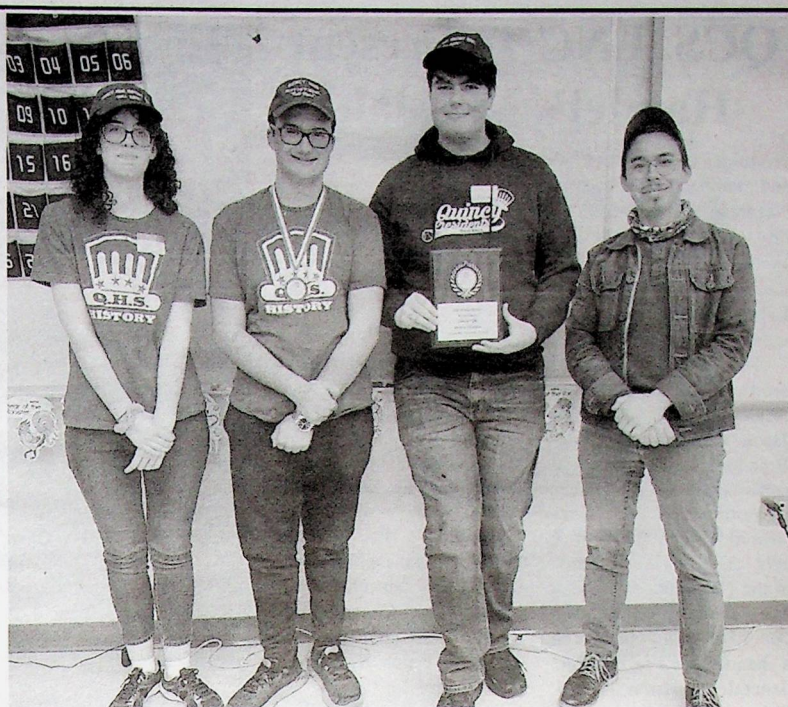


STAFF MEMBERS this year included: Matt Cavanaugh, Band Director and Show Designer; Maire Maitre, Assistant Band Director; Michael Lombo, Colorguard Drill Writer/Colorguard Coordinator; Alex Yuen, Front Ensemble Manager; Gabe Labell, Drumline Manager; Josie Ridlen, Colorguard Manager; Emma Stogsdil, Colorguard Caption Head; Jess Fan and Emily Maynard, Wind Co-Caption Heads; Aidan Flaherty and Alessandra Varon, Drumline Staff; Amy Wu, Front Ensemble Staff; Yon-gwen Xu and Allie Campbell, Colorguard Staff; Tom White and Finn Herman, Visual Staff; Jay Souweine and Charlie Cevallos, Wind Staff; Bryson Teel and Ethan Dupont, Sound Design and Thomas Doucette, Props and Sets.

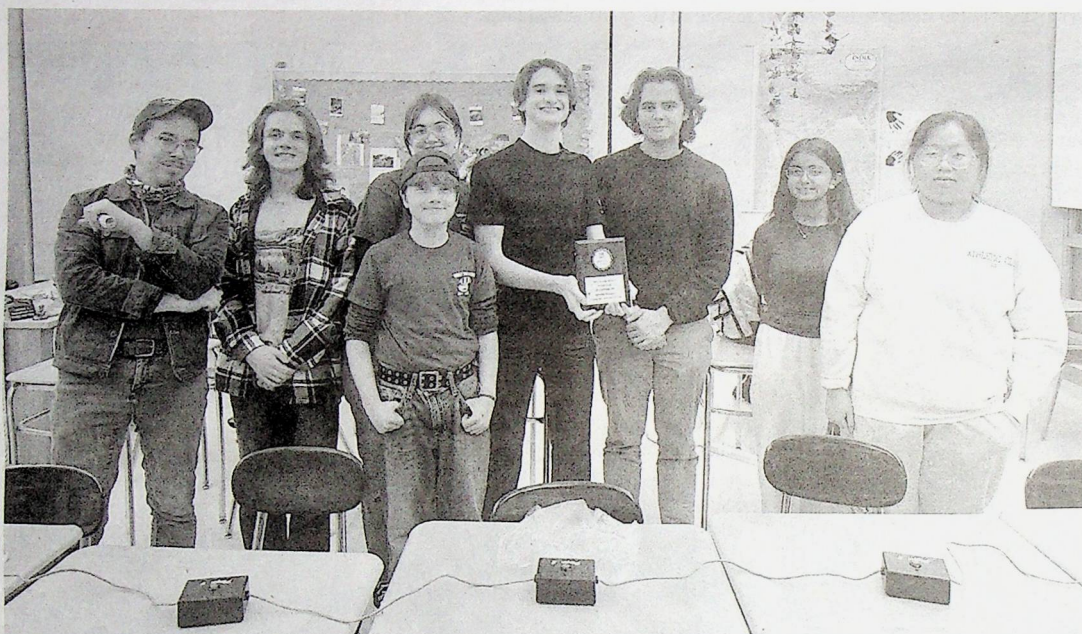
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QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL History Bowl Team: (from left to right): Robert Mbrace, Cherlin Chen, Bridget Kelley, Michael Miranda, Lucinda Bentzel, Abheri Chanda, James Ikeda (coach), Toby Ramiz, Henry Purchase, Konrad Brown, Eddie Giza and Ramona Bentzel.



QUINCY A: (from left to right) Ramona Bentzel, Eddie Giza, Konrad Brown and James Ikeda (coach).



QUINCY B: (from left to right) James Ikeda (coach), Henry Purchase, Lucinda Bentzel, Bridget Kelley, Michael Miranda, Robert Mbrace, Abheri Chanda and Cherlin Chen.



EDDIE GIZA

QHS History Bowl Team Wins Varsity Championship

Quincy High's History Bowl team won first place at the Greater Boston History Bowl varsity championships Nov. 9.

The event was unprecedented for several reasons: 1. Quincy High hosted the competition for the first time ever, 2. Quincy High fielded two teams (A and B) and both made it to playoffs and 3. There was an historic Quincy A versus Quincy B

matchup during playoffs. Both the A team and the B team qualified for the national competition in Washington, DC this April – the first time two QHS teams have qualified since the 2014-2015 season--and the A team re-qualified for the International History Olympiad in Paris this summer.

In addition, juniors Eddie Giza and Ramona Bentzel made playoffs in the indi-

vidual History Bee competition, with both qualifying for the national competition. Eddie, who ultimately took silver during finals, also qualified for internationals.

Members of the QHS History Bowl team:

Quincy A: Eddie Giza, Ramona Bentzel and Konrad Brown.

Quincy B: Henry Purchase, Cherlin Chen, Bridget Kelley, Michael Miranda, Robert Mbrace, Lucinda Bentzel and Abheri Chanda.

Team Manager: Toby Ramiz.



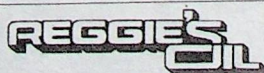
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Mailbox For 'Letters To Santa' At Hancock-Adams Common

The Quincy Christmas Festival Committee reminds residents that the exclusive mailbox for "Letters to Santa" is located on the Hancock-Adams Common near the main entrance to City Hall.

The mailbox will be in place until noon on Monday,

Dec. 23rd.

The colorful mailbox has been designed for young children to have easy access and send letters directly to Santa at the North Pole without postage. The box is ideal for family photos. The mailbox is Santa letters only and not regular mail.

Social Security Matters Ask Rusty – Was Your IRMAA Article Incorrect?

By RUSSELL GLOOR
National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: In a recent article about Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" (IRMAA) and how IRMAA affects Social Security taxes, you described which income gets included in the IRMAA calculation. You said it is "your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you receive." That 50% number might be true in some cases, but I think a more accurate, general answer is that "your taxable SS benefit is what gets added to IRMAA." For example, we have enough income every year that we are always taxed at 85% of our SS benefit, so 85% of our SS values get added to our IRMAA. The way your answer reads, a reader of the article might think everyone has 50% of their SS benefit added to IRMAA.

Signed: IRMAA Victim

Dear IRMAA Victim: I think you may have confused two terms I used when describing Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" or "IRMAA." I also used the term "MAGI" (Modified Adjusted Gross Income), and it's important to distinguish between those two terms.

- MAGI is what determines if the IRMAA provision applies, and IRMAA will affect how much your Medicare premium is. But MAGI is also used for another purpose - to see if your SS benefits are taxable. Your MAGI consists of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year

- IRMAA is a factor which will increase your monthly Medicare premium if your MAGI is over certain thresholds for your tax filing status. MAGI is used to determine if a higher Medicare premium applies, and it is also used to see if your SS benefits are subject to income tax.

Your MAGI does, indeed, always use only 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year (not 85% in some cases). That's because the SS contributions included in MAGI relate to SS contributions your employer paid on your behalf. Only half of your received SS benefits are used to determine MAGI because that's the amount of your SS benefits attributable to your employer's contributions. Said another way, the SS payroll tax you personally paid while working was from your taxable income, so it is not included in MAGI. But the amount your employer contributed was not taxable by the IRS and, thus, is included in MAGI. So, it's the portion of your SS benefits attributable to your employer which is included in MAGI. Thus, the terminology that MAGI is "your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year" is correct. MAGI is what determines how much of your SS benefits are taxable, but your MAGI also determines if IRMAA applies to your Medicare premiums.

Your benefits are taxable if, as a married couple filing jointly, your total MAGI exceeds \$32,000. If your MAGI is over the first threshold but less than the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year are included as part of your income taxable by the IRS. But if your MAGI goes over the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year will be included as part of your income taxable by the IRS.

In short, MAGI determines how much of your income is subject to taxation. But MAGI is also used to determine if IRMAA applies. And how much your MAGI exceeds the separate IRMAA thresholds determines what your Medicare premium will be.

So, the article correctly states that IRMAA only counts 50% of the SS benefits received because that is what is included in MAGI (which is what determines if IRMAA applies). But the amount of SS which may be taxable income by the IRS could be up to 85% of benefits received during the tax year if your MAGI is high enough.

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Parker School Honors Late Teacher Joan Youngman, Family's Donation

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Principal, Margaret MacNeil.

In her speech, the principal shared a touching moment from the preparation for the ceremony: reading through the many cards and notes Mrs. Youngman had received over the years from students, colleagues, and parents. These notes painted a vivid picture of a teacher who was not only loved but deeply respected for her ability to inspire and nurture her students.

"It was clear from everything I read and heard about Mrs. Youngman that she was one of those rare, special teachers who touched the lives of her students in lasting ways," said the principal. One of the memories came from parents Mary and Charlie O'Brien, who recalled Chuck's first-grade experience with Mrs. Youngman.

"His first-grade year was filled with excitement, happiness, positivity, fairness, teamwork, and a love of learning. You passed on to him a most beautiful gift," they wrote. That "beautiful gift" continues to be shared with future generations through the Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center. This new space, created with the Youngman family's generous donation, is designed to inspire a love for reading, enhance literacy skills, and provide students with the tools they need to thrive in the digital age. The center features technology, including iPads and digital books in a warm and inviting literacy space. This provides students exciting new ways to engage in their learning.

The principal emphasized that while Mrs. Youngman may no longer be with them, her passion for teaching and for children lives on.

"Mrs. Youngman's dedication to her students and her belief in the power of education are alive today in the lessons she taught and in this new center, where students will continue to grow and learn," MacNeil said.

Mrs. Youngman's former classroom is dedicated to her and honors her legacy with a quote on the wall, "Welcome to our classroom where curiosity reigns and learning is a journey we take together, each in our own special way! Just as Mrs. Youngman taught us!"

Joan's husband, Carl Youngman, spoke on behalf of his family, Andy and Heather Youngman and Julie and Andrew Goldberg.

"We are humbled, honored and grateful to be here



CARL YOUNGMAN, husband of Joan Youngman, spoke on behalf of his family, Andy and Heather Youngman and Julie and Andrew Goldberg. "We are humbled, honored and grateful to be here to celebrate the Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center and the Joan S. Youngman fourth grade classroom."

Courtesy Photo

to celebrate the Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center and the Joan S. Youngman fourth grade classroom." Mr. Youngman spoke to honor his wife and all teachers.

"And while we are here today to recognize her, let us also recognize that teaching is not an easy profession today. And so we recognize all the teachers at Parker and beyond on this special day. Teachers spark our future,

shape our imagination, and ultimately make the world a better place. So, to all the teachers, we appreciate you and what you do matters," he said.

As the ceremony continued, fifth grade student, Akira Chang presented Mr. Youngman with a crystal apple and first grade students sang a song about gratitude. The ceremony was further enriched by remarks from Mayor Koch

and QPS Supt. Kevin Mulvey, both of whom spoke about memories of Mrs. Youngman and her impact on the students of Quincy. The Joan Youngman Reading and Technology Center at Parker School honors the memory of Joan Youngman and ensures that her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Parker students through a love of literacy and learning.

QC Honors Two Outgoing Governors



TWO OUTGOING MEMBERS of the Quincy College Board of Governors were honored during their final Board meeting last month. Gregory Hanley (left) and Thomas Fitzgerald, MD, (right) — both Quincy natives — served the college for a combined 24 years. President Dr. Richard DeCristofaro thanked them for their volunteer service and advocacy for Quincy College, which he said "was rooted in a lifelong appreciation for its history combined with a deep desire to assure its future vitality." He described Hanley as "a passionate cheerleader for the institution and its students" and praised Dr. Fitzgerald "for always supporting students so they would be exposed to, appreciate, and embrace the joys of lifelong learning." Courtesy Photo

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Total Deed, Mortgage Recordings In County Up In November

Norfolk County Registrar of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports Norfolk County recordings for the month of November 2024 indicate an increase in the total number of deeds and mortgages recorded as compared to November 2023.

The total number of deeds recorded for November 2024, which reflects both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,333, up five percent from November 2023 and down seven percent from October 2024.

"In the past five months, recordings show a sustained increase in the overall number of deeds recorded year over year, reflecting a consistent interest in real estate in Norfolk County," O'Donnell said. "This indicates that the real estate market is performing well, particularly in certain neighborhoods and property types in Norfolk County."

In November, lending activity also increased compared to the same month a

year ago. A total of 1,372 mortgages were recorded in November 2024, up 17 percent from November 2023 and down 10 percent from the previous month.

"While average mortgage interest rates have started to creep back up from their late September low they are still below the levels seen this time last year. Despite the recent increase in interest rates, the market continues to draw in prospective homebuyers and borrowers," O'Donnell said. "The trajectory of average mortgage interest rates will likely play a role in determining the number of individuals seeking to take out new mortgages or refinance existing mortgages."

The Registry of Deeds recorded 8,336 documents in November 2024. This was three percent less than in November 2023 and a 13 percent decrease compared to October 2024. Following JPMorgan Chase's acquisition of First Republic Bank last year, November 2023

saw an uncharacteristic number of over 350 mortgage assignments recorded, slightly skewing the percentage of the total number of documents recorded for November 2024 compared to November 2023. The adjusted number shows a one percent increase in real estate activity in November 2024 compared to this time last year.

"It is encouraging to see that mortgage and deed recordings, the bulk of the documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, continue to show increases year over year. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues as we move into the winter months," O'Donnell said.

The average sale price of commercial and residential

properties for November 2024 rose to \$969,585, a one percent increase compared to November 2023 but a decrease of 15 percent from October 2024. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing by two percent from last year and down 26 percent from last month.

"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a desirable place to live and work. It is a credit to all the communities and the municipal staff and leaders who have created such a vibrant area to live and work," O'Donnell said. "However, due to the limited inventory of available property not matching that demand, I think many would agree that it is a difficult market for

buyers, especially first-time home buyers."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In November 2024, there were two foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, less than the five recorded in November 2023. In November 2024, there were 26 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, less than the 27 recorded in November 2023.

"There is no question that this reduction in the number foreclosures is good news. With that said, we cannot forget that foreclosure activity has a human face associated with it, and there are still a number of

our neighbors who have lost their homes, and even more are dangerously close to losing their homes," said O'Donnell. "I would urge anyone struggling to pay their mortgage or who knows someone who is struggling to contact one of the non-profit organizations listed on our website, www.norfolkdeeds.org."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney

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QFD: 'Open Burning' Not Allowed In Quincy

A message from the Quincy Fire Department:

In the City of Quincy "open burning" is not allowed at all due to the density of population and the proximity of buildings within our borders.

The Department of Environmental Protection (Mass-DEP) and the Quincy Fire Department prohibit open burning for public health and safety reasons. Open Burning means burning under such conditions that the products of combustion are emitted directly to the ambient air space and are not conducted through a stack, chimney, duct, or pipe. This includes above or underground smoldering fires. Open burning can pose serious safety risks, particularly during times of record low rainfall and drought conditions like we have seen in recent months. Dry weather conditions provide ample fuel for fires to spread quickly. Open burning also pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with re-

spiratory problems to breathe. Further, when the air is stagnant, open burning can pose smoke and odor nuisances to nearby residents in densely populated areas.

The limits on open burning do not apply to outdoor cooking. However, chimeneas, outdoor fire pits, open outdoor fireplaces, and similar appliances designed for the primary purpose of heating and burning are prohibited, in part because they often do not burn clean materials, and further because they may present fire hazards in densely populated areas. The primary purpose of these appliances is not cooking; therefore, they are not to be used, and fire officers and firefighters will extinguish fires created by these appliances.

Natural gas and LP fueled heaters and fire pits, may be used in Quincy so long as they neither pose significant fire risks nor emit significant smoke and meet the following conditions:

1. The owner/operator complies with manufacturer guidelines and directions.
2. The owner/operator maintains a fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag in the nearby vicinity; and
3. All heating units are kept a safe distance from combustibles, especially structures.

If residents have questions about open burning, they should contact the Quincy Fire Department Fire Prevention Office. Phone number: 617-376-1016.



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Friends Of Wollaston Beach Open House, Toy Drive

Dec. 12 At Break Rock Brewing Co., Victory Road

The Friends of Wollaston Beach will host its annual Holiday Open House and Toy Drive Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Break Rock Brewing Co., 534 Victory Road, Quincy (Marina Bay).

FWB invites members and the public to stop by and drop off new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children through Interfaith Social Services. Not sure what to buy? Gift cards and monetary donations are a perfect alternative and would be greatly appreciated.

Gift cards and checks can be dropped off at the Open House (or at Interfaith, 105 Adams St., Quincy). Checks

should be made payable to Interfaith Social Services with Friends of Wollaston Beach in the memo section. Enjoy a slice of pizza and engage in some quality time and good conversation.

FWB membership drive is in full swing. All new and renewing members (\$10/year) will be entered into a drawing for the following:

- 1 year subscription to the Quincy Sun (donated by Bob Bosworth) – value \$50
- Gift Certificate Break Rock Brewing – value \$25
- Gift Certificates to Confectionately Yours - value \$20.

Winners will be chosen after the Shamrock Splash in March of 2025. Anyone

making a donation to any of our Splashers will also be entered to win one of the prizes.

How about giving a membership to a family member/friend as a stocking stuffer!

For further information, contact FWB president Maureen Mazrimas at 617-257-8295 or by email at FriendsWollastonBeach@gmail.com. Also, be sure to visit FWB's website at FriendsOfWollaston.com.

We hope to see you Dec. 12 to renew old acquaintances, get in the holiday spirit and help put a smile on the face of a child and his/her extended family! Happy Holidays!



AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE Airman Liam Kane, from Quincy, heaves a mooring line on the fantail onboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), prior to departing Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, Washington, Dec. 2. Ronald Reagan provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the United States, and supports alliances, partnerships and collective maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Morrisette American Legion Post Honored For Outstanding Community Service

The American Legion Department of Massachusetts recently awarded the Al White Award to the Cyril P Morrisette Post in Quincy for outstanding service to the community.

The Al White award is presented to a Legion Post that performs duties in their community. The Cyril P. Morrisette Post was awarded this for their ongoing support to the Mass Elks bike run which raises money for V.A. hospitals throughout Massachusetts. Each year the Committee of the Bike Run chaired by Don Barnard of Quincy runs this event to honor past and present veterans for their service to our nation. They honor four honorees each year to be recognized for their service on stage before the bike run.

The Morrisette Post donates to these veterans and their families a bronze plaque in their honor. Each



THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Massachusetts recently awarded the Al White Award to the Cyril P Morrisette Post in Quincy for outstanding service to the community. From left to right: Post Adjutant George Nicholson, Post Commander George Bouchard, Past Department Commander and Past Commander of the Morrisette Post Fred White and Sr. Vice Commander Steve Dunlea.

Courtesy Photo

plaque has the veteran's name inscribed on it as honorary member of the post during a very special ceremony before the bike run.

The post has been a gold star sponsor for the past four years, which takes place in late August. The Post thanks

Past National Commander John (Jake) Comer for his support and friendship for this award.

Legislative Update From Sen. John Keenan

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profit organization promoting educational access and career preparedness for students. During this recent visit, Quincy High School's DECA chapter joined me and Rep. Tackey Chan on a tour of the State House. I am always so heartened to see how interested and invested local youth are in government, and visits like this are always a great opportunity to see how life is going for the younger constituents of the district.

Over the course of a couple of days I joined with Reps. Bruce Ayers and Tackey Chan to meet with Brian Arrigo, commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. First, we met with Quincy Councillor Jim Devine and residents living near the Quincy entrance to the Blue Hills to discuss traffic issues, including drag racing, in the area. The next day we walked parts of Wollaston Beach with the Commissioner, pointing out maintenance and dredging needs, and finished by walking a portion of Furnace Brook Parkway near the Bernazzani School, pointing out missing

streetlights, sidewalk conditions, and drainage concerns.

I closed out the month by speaking, as I have over the past few years, to some of Holbrook Middle School's eighth graders for a Refugee Day event and by visiting the Braintree Housing Authority with state Housing Secretary Edward Augustus to highlight the vital work done by our local housing authorities.

Just a Quick Story...

On Nov. 12, the Senate adjourned in memory of Fred Hanson of Braintree, long-time local reporter for *The Patriot Ledger*. Fred spent his career tirelessly reporting on local matters, earning the respect and admiration of all who knew him and his work. Our thoughts are with the Hanson family who not only mourned the loss of Fred, but in September within days of each other, the passing of his brother Chris and mother Nancy.

I was honored recently to say a few words at the retirement event of Maryanne Frangules, one of the founders and the long-time executive director of MOAR, the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery. The State House event honored Maryanne for her nearly 34 years helping people with addiction recovery. I was fortunate to work closely with Maryanne and marveled at her dedication, contagious optimism, and incredible effectiveness. We wish her well!

Total Deed, Mortgage Recordings In County Up In November

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General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"November continued to show growth and demand in the real estate market, with increases in both mortgage and deed recordings," O'Donnell said. "In the coming months, the inventory of available property and mortgage interest rate levels will likely play a big role in determining the direction of the market. Buyers, especially first-time home buyers, may continue to face challenges in finding affordable properties due to the high demand and limited inventory."

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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org. Residents in need of assistance can call the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

Father Bill's Seeking Holiday Assistance

How The Public Can Help

Residents looking to help out Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) this year can visit helpfbms.org/holidays to find out the various ways to assist your neighbors who are facing a housing crisis.

FBMS' top need is monetary donations to help the organization assist the growing number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our region. Particularly during the winter, FBMS relies on private monetary donations to increase its shelter capacity to try to ensure that no one has to sleep outside or in their car.

The agency, now more than a year into operation of its new Yawkey Housing Resource Center at 39 Broad St., is in need of prepared meals and bagged lunches to help during this period of increased need. If you can help, please email volunteer@helpfbms.org.

To assist families in need, FBMS is requesting gift cards in lieu of presents. Gift cards provide families with the most flexibility. Gift cards can be provided in any denomination from any large stores, such as CVS, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Target and Walmart.

To donate high-need items to FBMS, visit tinyurl.com/fbmsamz for a full list of items and to ship them directly to FBMS. This winter, shelter guests are in need of winter boots, hand and feet warmers, gloves, thermals, hooded sweatshirts and sweatpants (men's & women's brands, all sizes), and underwear.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: Father Bill's & MainSpring, 430 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301. Donations are processed in Brockton, then distributed to the Yawkey Housing Resource Center (HRC) in Quincy.

Father Bill's & MainSpring serves more than 6,000 households annually, including more than 900 individuals at its Quincy shelter. The agency also operates approximately 800 permanent supportive housing units across Southern Massachusetts, including more than 300 units in the Quincy area alone.

Massachusetts Gas Prices Down A Penny

Gasoline prices across the Northeast are holding mostly steady and likely within pennies of what ultimately will be the lowest prices of 2024.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down a penny over last week (\$3.03), averaging \$3.02 per gallon. Monday's price is down a penny from month ago (\$3.03) and 31 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.33). Massachusetts's average gas price is one cent higher than the national average.

"With the holiday season and start of the new year on the horizon, Americans are getting the gift of some of the lowest gasoline prices in years," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast.

AAA Northeast's Dec. 9 survey of fuel prices found the current national average down three cents from last week (\$3.04), averaging \$3.01 gallon. Monday's national average price is eight cents cheaper than a month ago (\$3.09) and 15 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.16).

Bethany Congregational Church News, Upcoming Events

Bethany Congregational Church invites the public to its 9:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 15 - the Second Sunday of Advent, with Rev. Bert Coté preaching.

Coffee Hour is held after services in the Allen Parlor. Come for refreshments and conversation.

Upcoming events include a "Blue Christmas" service on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. in the church chapel. This short, meaningful service is a way to leave our emotional fears behind us and to focus on the joy of the upcoming Advent.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, the service will take place at 4 p.m., with candles and lots of singing.

The public is invited to visit the Bethany Thrift Shop located at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The hours are Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings 4 to 7 p.m.

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening at Bethany Church for game play from 6-9 p.m. It's a free, social chess club open to all experienced, chess-playing adults

in and around the city of Quincy. Although membership is free, donations are appreciated to help with expenses. There is also a group for children 7-12. Contact TheSouthShoreChessClub@gmail.com for more information.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets most weeks on Friday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. We knit and/or crochet prayer shawls that are then blessed and distributed to people who are ill or undergoing difficulties. We also make hats and scarves for the New England Seafarers Mission. If you are interested in joining this group, call the church office to find out which dates we are meeting.

Broad Horizons Preschool is open and accepting students both full and part-time. To inquire and/or fill out an application, go to the website at Broadhorizonsbethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church is located at 18 Spear St., Quincy. Church website is: bethanyconchurch.org. Email address is: bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com. The church telephone number is: 617-479-7300.

Featured In Next Week's Quincy Sun (Dec. 19th)
'If I Could Give One Gift This Holiday Season'
Written by Fifth Graders In Quincy

Suzie's
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Baked Purple Potatoes

I always say potatoes get a bad wrap. And they do for sure! But not these potatoes. These are purple Japanese ones (if you watched the "blue zone" documentary you already know something about them).

These potatoes are incredibly rich in anthocyanin pigments (which help reduce oxidative stress in body and reduce inflammation) poly phenols which help reduce blood pressure similar to ACE inhibitor blood pressure medication! They also are rich in fiber (eat the skin) and numerous other vitamins and minerals.

I learned of an easy and delicious way to bake the absolute best potatoes ever that come out creamy and wonderful. Here's my easy way to make the best baked ANY potato but please try the blue ones. There's nothing quite like them.

Baked Purple Potatoes Suzie's Way

Wash the potatoes very well (I use a potato/veggie scrubber brush)

Dry well

For each potato take a piece of parchment paper large enough to wrap potato in and place potato on it. (Please use the unbleached type.) Now drizzle olive oil to coat the whole potato very well. Next season well with salt and pepper rubbing it all over the potato.

Now once the potato is all "dressed" wrap in the parchment paper. Do not pierce with fork you want the skin in tact. Next wrap in aluminum foil so the potato has one layer of paper and inserted in the aluminum foil.

Now because all potatoes are different sizes I can't tell exactly how long it takes to bake but I usually bake mine at 375 for an hour and sometimes it takes even longer. Last night it took an hour and 20 minutes so plan ahead.

The skin just melts in your mouth and the potato is bursting with flavor and as I said before it's fluffy and creamy.

Sometimes I just put some butter on old school but last night I sliced and drizzled olive oil and added more seasoning (garlic and onion granules and fresh chopped parsley).

You can do this way with any potato! Enjoy!

Garlic Lemon Parm Chicken Thighs

Here is an easy and delicious chicken recipe that I make quite often. The secret is to marinate a bit (at least 30 minutes but I usually do overnight).

This chicken is amazing grilled but since I hardly use my grill in the cold weather, I often bake this and it's still one of my favorites. I also only ever use chicken thighs. They don't dry out, taste so much better and they are more forgiving if over cooked. I hardly ever use breasts unless poaching for chicken salad or something.

Garlic lemon Parm Chicken Thighs

About 2 pounds of boneless chicken thighs (I use organic bell and Evans)

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Juice of a lemon
- 3-4 cloves minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon of honey or maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup grated parm cheese

Simply mix all ingredients together.

Place chicken in large Ziplock bag along with marinade for at least 30 minutes. (If you wish you can set aside some of the marinade and use to drizzle over the chicken when done.)

I place mine on a parchment paper lined cookie sheet and bake at 375 until browned and sizzling.

This is great served with buttered rice and a side salad! Enjoy!

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Support, Opposition For Granite Links Lease Extension

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"I've watched the transformation of a dump and quarries that I used to swim in as a child become a statewide destination, and it's not just for golf. It's for weddings. It's for events. They do a fantastic job there. This group has done everything they've said they were going to do, and they've done everything extremely well," Affsa said. "As a businessman in Quincy, I welcome the extra revenue stream coming into the city. I think it's going to have a positive impact on the city in many, many ways."

Cliff Edwards, a resident of The Strand, said it makes sense to build a hotel at Granite Links.

"I would rather people that are attending weddings, functions, or golfing all day have the option to stay on site and spend the night and not have to drive through Quincy to Crown Colony to find a place to sleep," Edwards said. "I feel confident Quarry Hills [Associates] will build the nicest hotel in town and it will be a great addition to what we have now."

Alaina Giordani, a Babcock Street resident, said the lease extension would provide additional revenue to the city during the course of the 32 years left on the current lease. She said it would be risky for the city to wait on a lease extension in the hopes of getting a better deal in the future.

"The position of receiving enhanced revenue to the city of Quincy now over the next 30 years far outweighs a speculative future sharing arrangement. It is a gamble to wait on the possibility of reaching a better deal 30 years out and such should be considered a risk," Giordani said.

The committee then heard from 25 people, mainly Quincy residents, but also one Milton resident, who were against the lease extension.

Among those opposed to it was Mike Cotter of Post Island Road. He said neither the operator of the golf course, the mayor, nor the city councillors had heard the full extent of residents' concerns and are "only paying lip service to the major, ongoing recreational and public access problems." Cotter said a group of concerned residents, the Quarry Hills Citizen Advocates, believe the lease should be reviewed over the course of a year.

"Issues related to the lease are so complex and far reaching that there should

be a working committee composed of councillors and citizen advocates, counseled by qualified, independent real estate firm, meeting over the course of a year to explore and resolve these issues fully," Cotter said. "Nothing less is responsible or acceptable."

Lori Earl, a Billings Street resident, said she was concerned by a provision in the lease that says the lessee's interest "may be mortgaged, encumbered, assigned or otherwise transferred" and the leased premises "could be sublet as a whole or in part" with consent from the mayor, and the mayor "cannot unreasonably withhold permission" for such a request.

"That means there is nothing in this lease that protects the city of Quincy from QHA entering into an agreement with another entity, even a foreign entity, to manage the golf course," Earl said. "We're not guaranteed that by taking the known commodity, the known current lessee, that we will continue to have them in management of Quarry Hills."

Nick Warner, a resident of Salem Street, said the city has an "amazing opportunity to renegotiate the terms of the lease in a way that benefits all citizens." He said Granite Links has created a beautiful golf course and restaurant that provides revenue to the city, but that comes at the cost of public access to some of the best views available in Quincy.

"There is a lot of opportunity here to allow more access to amenities for Quincy

folks to enjoy their land. The one suggestion I might make is to have public walking paths around the perimeter of the golf course," Warner said. "Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton does actually have a walking path that goes around the outskirts of the property."

Steve Perdios of Ruggles Street said 80 years – the more than 30 years left on the lease and the 50-year extension period – is still a long time.

"Eighty years means this is the end of it. Eighty years means we're not having this discussion again. Eighty years means that's where the discussion about what to do with this property comes to a conclusion, so right now, what's happening here, this is it," Perdios said. "This is the only bite of the apple... and you are the only ones that are going to be able to make a decision. It eliminates anybody else in the future from having any say in it."

Councillor Nina Liang, the chairperson of the ordinance committee, on two occasions told speakers opposed to the lease extension not to make disrespectful comments about the councillors or an individual councillor. Liang closed the public hearing after another speaker suggested councillors would be idiots if they approved the lease.

Following the public comment period, Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff, said the proposed lease had been amended to address concerns raised during a community meeting held last week. One amendment

alters the language relative to deductions Quarry Hills Associates can claim so that it matches the language used in the current lease. Another change alters the composition of the proposed Quarry Hills Advisory Committee to remove one of the two seats set aside for the developer and adding four more spots for city residents.

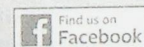
Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash, who is an attorney, said he was working with the city and QHA on additional changes to the lease. Those changes could include monetary damages if certain conditions of the lease are not met and City Council review of any proposed mortgage, assignment or subletting of the lease.

"I'm working through it, I'm reading it, and I have the all the faith that Quarry Hills Associates, based on our conversations this week, will be able to make some headway and address a lot of those concerns," Ash said.

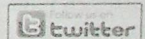
City Council President Ian Cain said he had not made up his mind, but wanted to share his thought process. Among other things, Cain said he believed that for some people "there is a need to have a win against an opposition" and also that "words do matter."

"Words do matter, especially from whom they are delivered and how they're delivered, because I don't think I've ever been convinced to do something or whichever way you want it by someone who is going to insult or demean our intelligence or our methodology for reviewing a problem presented to us," Cain said.

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City Acquires Two Properties: Wollaston Church, HN Home

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors have approved the acquisition of two properties — a Wollaston church that will be used for community space and a Houghs Neck home adjacent to a fire station — for a combined \$1.35 million.

The acquisitions were approved in a pair of votes on Dec. 2. The money for the two purchases will come not from the city's general fund but an account that can only be used for purchasing property because it is funded from the sale of property, said Chris Walker, the chief of staff to Mayor Thomas Koch.

"These two acquisitions

are coming from that account, so it has no impact on the taxpayer," Walker said.

The larger of the two properties acquired is at 45-57 Lincoln Ave., also known as 48 Winthrop Ave., a 23,843-square-foot parcel that is home to the Wollaston Congregational Church, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Councillors approved acquiring that property for \$1.1 million in a 9-0 vote.

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain said the church has long been a fixture in the community.

"Wollaston Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary

in 2025, has been a fixture on Wollaston Hill for some time," he said. "I did scouts there when I was younger. I know there are performances that take place. It's used for Alcoholics Anonymous, et cetera. We are seeking to acquire this property so that it can continue to be used for community purposes."

Cain read two letters in support of the acquisition. The first was from the church itself, which said the church "is dissolving our church family" and the congregation's legacy would be carried on if the building were to be acquired for community space. The second letter was from the Wollaston

Garden Club, which has been meeting at the church for decades.

The second property, a 19,919-square-foot parcel, is located at 1072 Sea St. Councillors approved acquiring that property for \$245,297 in an 8-0 vote, with Scott Campbell not

voting.

Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy said it makes sense to acquire the property given the planned renovations to the Houghs Neck fire station, which is located next door.

"It seemed like a good spot for fire station expansion down there in Houghs Neck," McCarthy said. "I know they're going to be doing a lot of work down the Neck on the station. They're going to probably have to bring in some modular trailers to live in for a while — they're going to do some extensive work inside."

AAA Survey: Nearly Two-Thirds Of Drivers Admit To Unsafe Driving Behaviors

A higher proportion of American drivers admit to speeding, driving distracted and engaging in other risky behaviors than those who steadfastly follow the rules of the road, according to the latest AAA Traffic Safety

Culture Index.

The report, updated annually by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, measures the public's attitude on the roadway by asking drivers about their perceived level of danger for various

driving behaviors, with most drivers saying unsafe driving behaviors are very or extremely dangerous. Yet, many have admitted to engaging in these dangerous behaviors at least once in

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On Friday, Nov. 29, the City of Quincy held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Hancock-Adams Common. There were many people and families enjoying the day and taking photographs with the character displays.

Officers Scott Kelley and James Whedbee were on bicycle patrol on the common. At about 3:55 p.m. a male sitting on a bench opened a can of beer. Officer Kelley approached the male and gave him the option to discard the beer and leave the area. The male became disorderly and initially refused to leave the area. He started to yell and scream and eventually tried to fight the officers. The officers made several attempts to de-escalate and persuade the male to move along.

The male continued to act erratic. He smashed a full energy drink on the ground and charged both officers. The Hancock-Adams Common was very busy with pedestrian traffic and families gathered for the Christmas Tree Lighting. The suspect was placed on the ground and after a brief struggle the officers were able to secure him in handcuffs.

Officer A. Minton arrived on scene and transported the suspect to Quincy Police Headquarters where he was booked by Sergeant J. McNeil. He was charged with (1) disorderly conduct, (2) resisting arrest and (3) violation of city ordinance - possession of an open container alcohol. He was

A Job Well Done

By OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT
Public Information Officer
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later arraigned at the Quincy District Courthouse.
Job Well Done!

On Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at about 10:51 p.m., Officer S. Klimas was dispatched to the North Quincy MBTA station, for a disorder in the bus way. Upon arrival he witnessed a man screaming at a woman. He approached the man to see what the issue was while simultaneously the woman yelled, "he tried to stab me."

Due to the officer's belief that a weapon was involved and being the only officer on scene Officer Klimas placed the male into handcuffs, conducted a pat frisk and felt a metallic object inside his right jacket pocket. The item was a utility knife and was open at the time. He informed the suspect that he was being detained and to sit on the curb.

Officer Klimas spoke to the woman who was in the altercation with the male. She told Officer Klimas that she was in the parking lot of the Speedway Gas Station located at 238 Hancock St. She was sitting in the passenger seat of her boyfriend's car while her boyfriend was inside the store. She witnessed the suspect walk up to a car, open the door, and say "do you want to get pistol whipped?"

The operator of the vehicle pushed him away and drove off. The suspect then approached the car she was in, opened the driver's door and said, "are you waiting to get stabbed?" The suspect then opened the utility knife and held it as if he was going to stab her. She reached over and shut the driver's side door. Her boyfriend came outside the gas station and the suspect ran off towards the MBTA station. The victims followed at a safe distance and contacted the police.

Officer Klimas interviewed the victim and as a result of his investigation the suspect was placed under arrest for the following charges: (1) armed carjacking and (2) assault with a dangerous weapon to with knife. The suspect was transported by Officer Klimas to Quincy Police Headquarters where he was booked by Sergeant M. Connolly. He was later arraigned at the Quincy District Courthouse.

The quick actions of the victim led to the police arresting this dangerous individual before anyone was injured.
Job Well Done!

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

DISORDER (in progress), 12:24 a.m., 7-Eleven, 76 Franklin St. Caller states three males came into the store and assaulted the clerk and then fled towards Quincy Center. Officer to file report.

DISORDER (four people), 2:34 a.m., CVS, 42 Beale St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males arguing), 12:55 p.m., Firestone Tire, 2 School St. Paid for services. Peace restored.

LARCENY (three packages), 2:34 p.m., 91 Clay St. Report to be filed.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

DISORDER (people banging), 11:15 a.m., 348 Granite St. Caller states people are banging on his car telling him to move. Peace restored.

DISORDER (in progress), 1:07 p.m., 816 Willard St. Advised civil matter. Peace restored.

SHOPLIFT (just occurred), 8:09 p.m., TJ Maxx, 100 Granite St. Suspect fled. Report to be filed.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

SHOPLIFT (suspect fled), 12:13 a.m., CVS, 626 Southern Arty. Checked the area. Unable to locate.

LARCENY (car broken into), 2:25 a.m., 60 block of George Rd. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (washing machine/dryer), 12:17 p.m., 104 Sagamore St. No suspect info given. Caller was given a case number. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (tow), 1:53 p.m., Captains Cove Condos, 200 Coveaway. Vehicle was given back to owner. Peace restored. Units clear.

DISORDER (multiple people), 2:46 p.m., Dollar Tree, 215 Quincy Ave. All involved gone on arrival. Going to check parking lot.

LARCENY (package), 3:22 p.m., 180 block of Whitwell St. No suspect info and neighbors have no info. Case

number provided.

SHOPLIFT (male), 6:29 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect was gone on arrival. Case number provided and store will handle.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (ongoing), 7:51 p.m., Cherry St. Peace restored. All advised.

DISORDER (over food), 10:24 p.m., McDonald's, 275 Hancock St. All involved advised. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (just occurred), 11:17 p.m., Stop & Shop, 65 Newport Ave. Detail officer on scene. Trespass notice issued. Suspect sent on the way. Store to handle.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

SHOPLIFT (male shoplift), 11:20 a.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Suspect gone on arrival.

SHOPLIFT (male), 3:9 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 3:09 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (students fighting), 3:44 p.m., McDonald's, 275 Hancock St.

SHOPLIFT (two males), 5:17 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspects gone on arrival. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

LARCENY (jewelry missing), 2:39 p.m., Knot Away Massage, 1145 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (intoxicated male), 6:43 p.m., Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St. Checks out okay. He was sent on his way.

LARCENY (clothes), 6:59 p.m., Wash Dry, 234 Hancock St. Caller states clothes were stolen from the washing machine. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

LARCENY (past), 8:10 a.m., North Quincy High School, 318 Hancock St. Report submitted. Happened yesterday.

LARCENY (packages), 2:19 p.m., 7 Crown Dr. Over 20 packages stolen on Dec. 2. Management has video foot-

age. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (possible disorder), 2:22 p.m., Five Corners Market, 161 Newbury Ave. All quiet in the area upon officer arrival.

SHOPLIFT (male), 5:27 p.m., Quincy Smoke Shop, 273 Willard St. Case number provided. Shoplifting task force to follow up.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (screws in tire), 6:33 p.m., Avalon Quincy, 4 Avalon Dr. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING (past), 8:43 p.m., 90 block of Connell St. Caller came home to second floor window open and house was a mess. Unsure if anything is missing. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (male party), 10:51 p.m., Speedway, 238 Hancock St. One under arrest for assault dangerous weapon (knife), disorderly conduct and breaking and entering to a motor vehicle. One outstanding weapon was also located. Report to be filed.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

DISORDER (past), 9:11 a.m., High St. Road rage. Advised.

DISORDER (arguing), 1:13 p.m., BJs, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Disturbance in the middle of the parking lot. Peace restored. Advised.

LARCENY (package), 1:37 p.m., Elevation at Crown Colony, 1 Crown Dr. Same suspect as another incident. Supplemental report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male party), 3:36 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Suspect issued a trespass notice and transported by Brewster to an area hospital for evaluation. Report and criminal summons to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 5:20 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (arguing), 10:41 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Disturbance by the front doors. Peace restored. Caller was the problem. All advised and sent on the way.

City Council Commends Uncle Sam Rounseville

By SCOTT JACKSON

In recognition of his many contributions to the community, city councillors honored Uncle Sam Rounseville, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

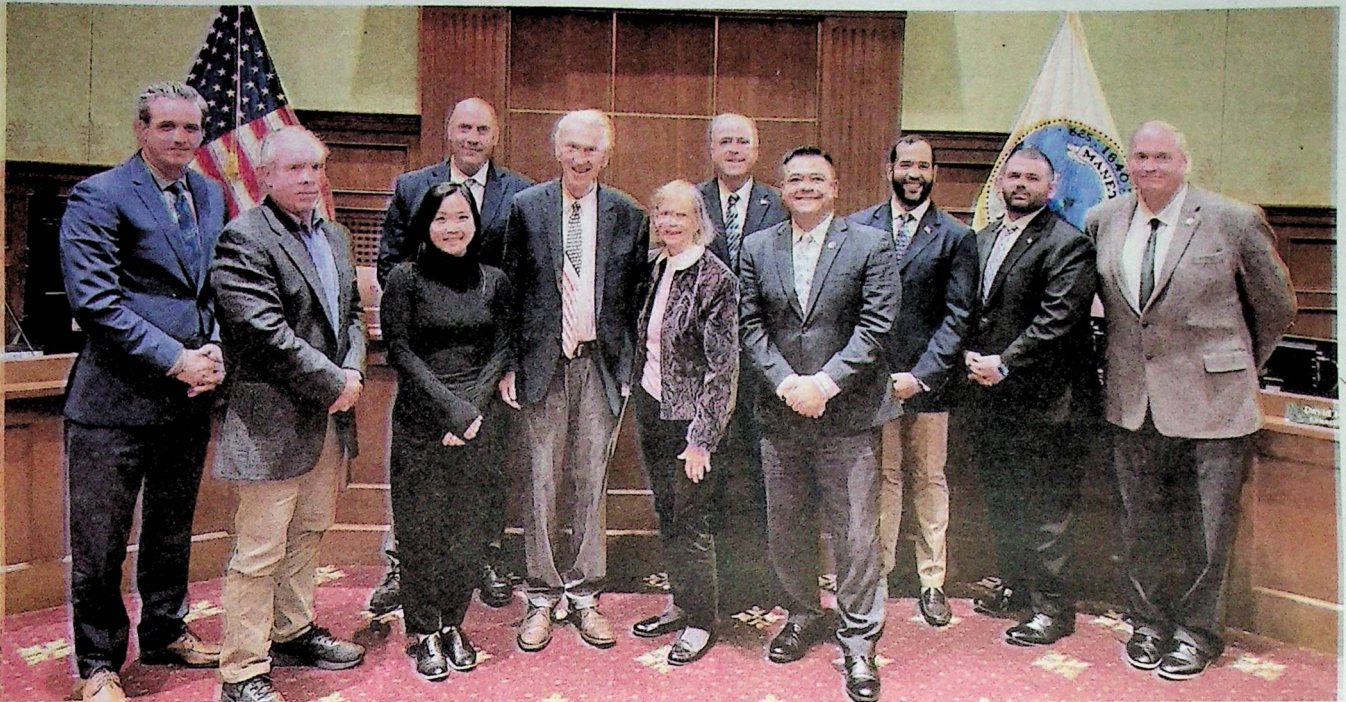
Rounseville received a commendation from city councillors during their meeting on the evening of Dec. 2. Rounseville's wife, Jean Kenney, was by his side for the occasion.

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash noted Rounseville, who turned 85 on Nov. 15, legally changed his name to "Uncle Sam" on Flag Day in 1991 after serving as a project manager for a fundraiser held during Operation Desert Storm.

"At a parade celebrating the end of this conflict, the parade official of the town — which was unfortunately not Quincy — told him he needed to walk with all of the clowns," Ash said. "Sam felt that the iconic symbol of Uncle Sam needed to be restored."

Rounseville aims to spread pride in America and encourage voting, Ash said.

"Uncle Sam's goal is to promote America and encourage voting. As his business card says, 'I've got the spirit, and so do you,'" Ash said. "To this end, he has traveled extensively around the USA promoting pride in America and voting. As he traveled, he made a point of visiting VA hospitals to thank the soldiers for their



UNCLE SAM ROUNSEVILLE (fifth from left) was recognized by city councillors on Dec. 2 for his contributions to the community. Rounseville recently celebrated his 85th birthday. From left: Councillors Scott Campbell, Daniel Minton, Nina Liang and James Devine; Rounseville and his wife, Jean Kenney; Councillors David McCarthy, Noel DiBona, Ian Cain, Richard Ash and William Harris.

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service."

Ash noted Rounseville organized a group of his fellow realtors to register residents to vote; they would set up shop outside Quincy City Hall at 6 a.m. hoping to catch commuters on their way into Boston and would be there during the evening commute as well. In the latest election, Rounseville organized realtors and others to help provide rides to polling places.

Rounseville's billboard on the corner of Beale Street and Newport Avenue in

Wollaston has been a fixture since the early 1990s, Ash added, and Rounseville has used it to promote a number of causes.

"He has used that to promote voting many times and to honor and promote different charities at no charge. To name a few: The Salvation Army, The Patriot Ledger's Lend A Hand, QCAP, Covid vaccinations, Mass Eye Research, and the Quincy Lions Club. He has also honored individuals for their community service including Dan Quirk, George

Montilio for 75 years, Bob Bosworth's The Quincy Sun and Richard Koch's Flag

Day parade," Ash said.

"His wife's favorite one was Sam on his bended knee

asking her to marry him. She said yes and they were

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UNCLE SAM ROUNSEVILLE and his wife, Jean Kenney, have been fixtures in many local parades including the Flag Day Parade and Quincy Christmas Parade. Here the couple wave to spectators lining Hancock Street in Quincy Center during the 71st annual Quincy Christmas Parade Dec. 1. Sam celebrated his 85th birthday Nov. 15th and was commended by the City Council for his many years of serving and supporting a myriad of community causes including the Lions Club. He was also recognized for his unwavering patriotism and civic pride.

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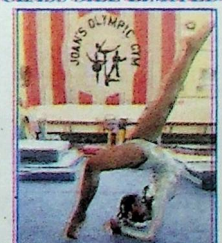
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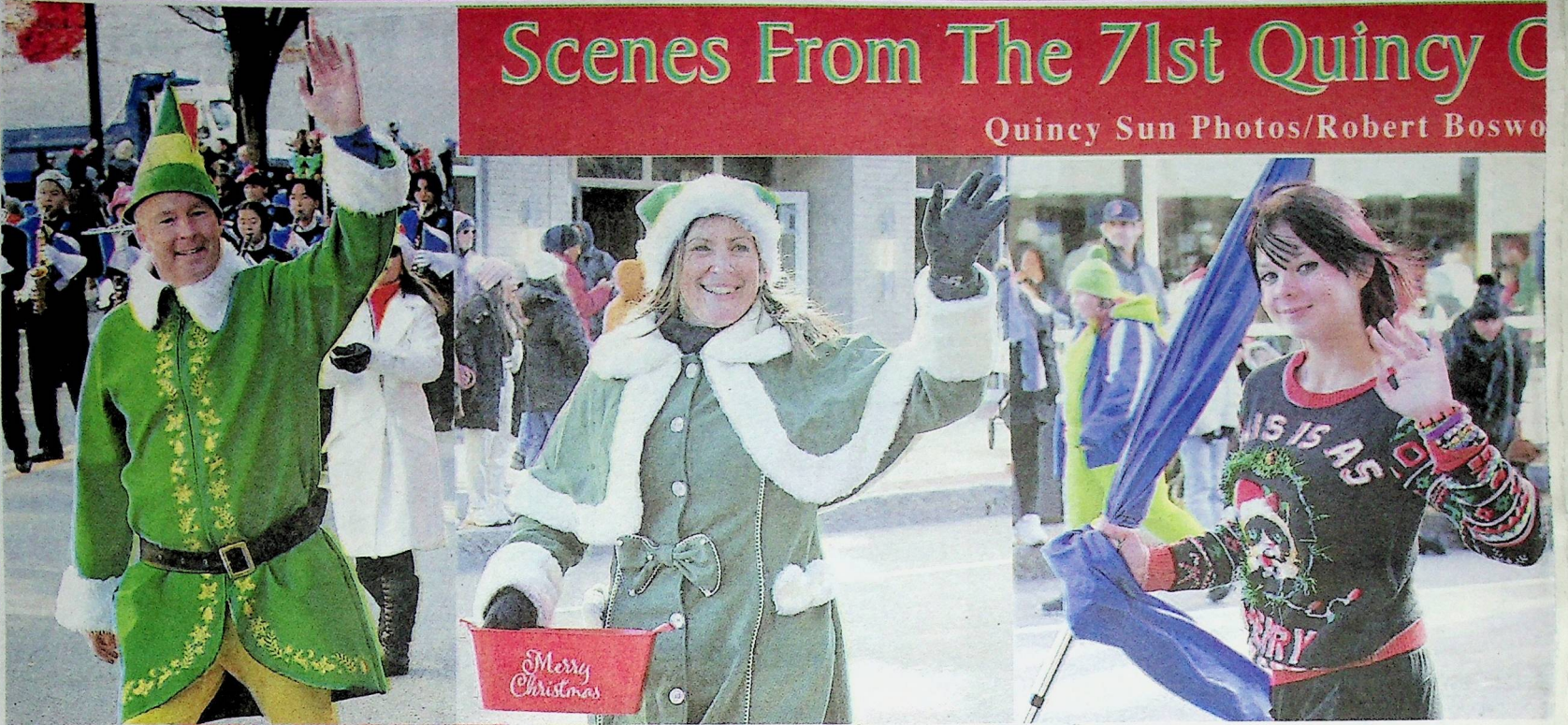


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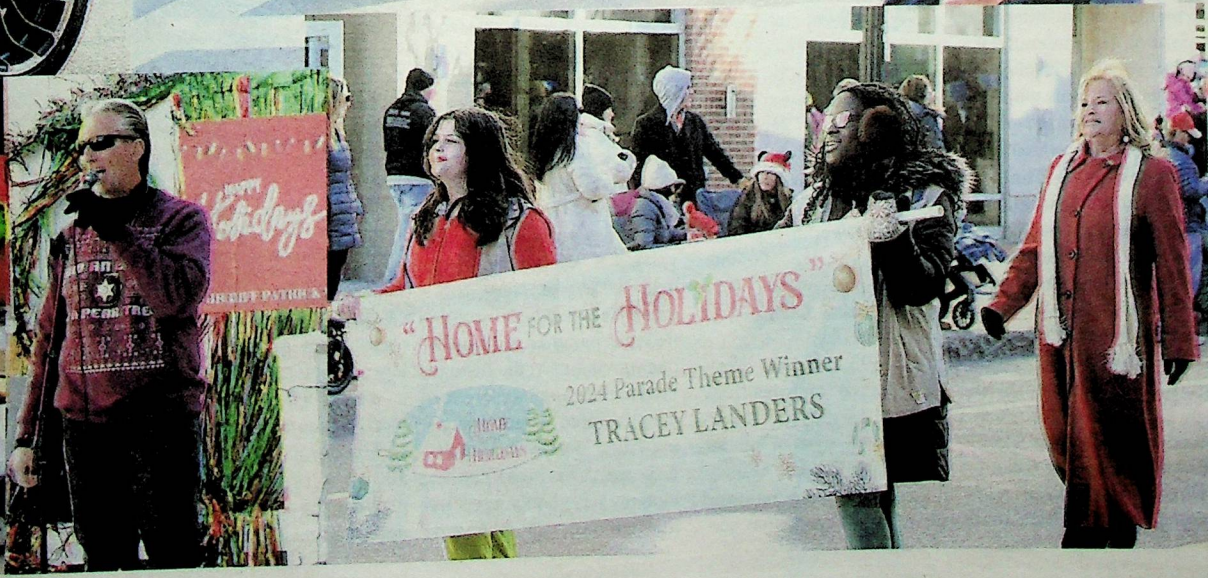
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Christmas Parade



Athletes Honored At Q-NQ Cross Country Banquet

The annual Quincy-North Quincy Cross country banquet was held Nov. 20 in the Presidents Cafe at Quincy High School with 45 athletes attending.

Coach Geoff Hennessy was the Master of Ceremony and assistant coach Tom Baird was also in attendance. Special Awards were presented as well as Patriot League Awards.

Jayden Anderson received the Bob Ciano Award as the top male runner for the season. Bob Ciano QHS'73 racked up a string of victories at Quincy High through all three seasons of track and went on to the University of Kentucky.

Ada Cote received the Elizabeth Sawan Award as the top female QHS runner. Sawan QHS'96 was the first QHS female runner to earn an individual qualification for the MIAA Meet of Champions (formerly All-State) before Abby Murphy did it four consecutive times prior to a stellar career at

Fitchburg State. Sawan was a league All Star and also won the mile at the Bay State Games and the Junior Olympics while at QHS.

Maddy McGillicuddy received the Bryson Family Award as the top female runner at NQHS. Emily and Julia Bryson NQ'15, enjoyed stellar careers at North Quincy before becoming All-Americans at Brandeis University culminating with a National NCAA Division 3 Championship in the Distance Medley along with Devin Hiltunen NQ'18.

Patriot League All Star Certificates went to Anderson, Cote, McGillicuddy, Zoe Nelson, Caroline Zuffante and Amelija Slezas.

Sportsmanship awards from the league went to Nathan Feldman and Zoe Nelson.

Academic All Star Awards went to Liam Murphy and Caroline Zuffante.

Other awards included: Improvement Awards: Nick D'Angelo, Kieran Feldman,



THE ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY banquet was held Nov. 20 in the Presidents Cafe at Quincy High School with 45 athletes attending. Among the athletes honored were (from left to right) Maddy McGillicuddy, Ada Cote, Caroline Zuffante, Zoe Nelson, Jayden Anderson, Nathan Feldman and Liam Murphy.

Courtesy Photo

Sophie Hagstrom, Jomana Kmail; Rookie Awards: Ava Hathaway and Jacob Lai; Attendance Awards: Caroline Zuffante and Jacob Lai. The Girls team finished

4-0; Fisher Division Dual Meet Champions. Maddy McGillicuddy was voted Division MVP by the coaches for going undefeated. The team finished ninth at MIAA

Division 1B at Northfield Mountain. McGillicuddy, Cote and Nelson all qualified for the Meet of Champions, the first time three athletes qualified at one time.

The boys team finished 2-2 in the Fisher Division, eighth in the Patriot League Meet, 18th at Divisional.

More cross country news on Page 19.

City Council Commends Uncle Sam Rounseville

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married in 1996 by Gov. Bill Weld on the Esplanade at the July 4 rehearsal show followed by a reception at the State House."

Ash presented Rounseville with a commendation during the meeting. The commendation noted Rounseville and Kenney have become fixtures of patriotic celebrations on the South Shore and beyond. Rounseville and Kenney have raised significant funds for The Patriot Ledger Lend A Hand program, the Quincy Relief Fund, Roundball

Basketball Camp, The Lions Club, The Salvation Army, QCAP and others, the commendation continued.

"Quincy is truly a better place because of him," Ash said, reading the commendation. "Happy 85th Birthday to Quincy's favorite uncle, Uncle Sam."

Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy said his family participated in Lions Club races after his son, Gerald, who is blind, was adopted. Rounseville was instrumental in raising money at those races, he said.

"My family really wants

to say thank you, all the members of my family, in regards to what you did with the Lions Club and all your fundraising for the Lions," McCarthy said. "Thank you, Sam."

Councillor Nina Liang called Kenney and Rounseville "the mom and dad of Quincy."

"You're like the mom and dad of Quincy," she said. "Ten years ago, when I first ventured out into doing this, you embraced me, brought me into the community, made sure that I felt welcome and that I felt

I belonged here. You do that for everyone here. It's not just about all the work you do to support people in the community, it's about the work you're doing to make everyone here feel like this is their home."

Council President Ian Cain said the community needs more people like Rounseville.

"I don't remember a time in Quincy, as a lifelong resident here, when you haven't been involved in the fabric of this great city. You're synonymous with it and you remind us how great the city

is and how great America is, and we appreciate that," Cain said. "We need more people like you."

Councillor Noel DiBona said he appreciates seeing Rounseville participate in the city's Christmas and Flag Day parades, and thanked him for the work he does in the community.

"I want to thank you for everything you do," DiBona said. "You always have a nice smile on your face and it's a good laugh to see you. Thank you so much."

Rounseville thanked the councillors for the recogni-

tion. He said he and his wife like to make others happy.

"I really appreciate this honor. I know all you people do a lot of work for people also," Rounseville said. "My wife and I just enjoy making people happy - when they're happy, we're happy - that's what our whole life is dedicated to."

Rounseville added that he and his wife raised \$9,000 for the Lions Club at his birthday party.

"It was a really wonderful time," he said. "The \$9,000 for the Lions Club will help a lot."

What's New At The Museum

The Quincy Quarry & Granite Workers Museum ended the season on the first weekend in November.

The museum and the Lyons Turning Mill had a very successful season opening the first weekend each month from March through November and had a total of 512 visitors that included local, national and international visitors. The museum has added a sidewalk display of granite related tools with interpretive information on its geology building which can be seen year-round. The display includes stonecutter's tools, pneumatic hammers, Bush tools, polishing discs, circular diamond saw, abrasive wheels and the West Quincy Depot railroad sign.

The West Quincy Depot railroad sign is the original sign that was at the West Quincy station of the Granite branch of the Old Colony Railroad. The station was located at the intersection

of Copeland and Willard Streets, West Quincy. The Old Colony Line was established in 1844 which ran from Boston to Plymouth. The Granite branch of the Old Colony Line was established in 1871 which branched off in the vicinity of the Quincy Braintree line. There were three stations located on the Granite branch of the Old Colony Line: West Quincy station, Railway Village station (East Milton), and the Montclair station. The Granite branch rejoined the mainline of the Old Colony Line at the Neponset River bridge.

Most of the Granite branch passengers were Boston bound Quincy and Braintree locals.

In 1893 the New York New Haven and Hartford railroad leased the entire Old Colony system for 99 years. When the Quincy Railroad Company built the six miles of track that ser-

vice the West Quincy quarry area, they connected the line to New York New Haven and Hartford line at the West Quincy depot station.

The first practical handheld pneumatic hammer was designed and patented in 1885 by James McCoy of Brooklyn, New York. The pneumatic hammer produced a continuous sequence of impacts, allowing a rapid removal of a large quantity of granite during roughing out and producing a very smooth granite surface.

Many improvements over the years including the valve-less design by Herman Kotten of New York around 1898 which simplified the hammer with only one moving part, the piston. Pneumatic hammers were manufactured in sizes ranging from ½ inch ¾ inch, 1 inch and 1 ¼ inch. The ½ inch was generally used in fine carving, ¾ inch and



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1 inch were used in general carving and the 1 ¼ was used mainly for removal of large quantities of stone.

As the pneumatic hammer became a popular tool within the granite industry all types of chisels were manufactured for the pneumatic hammers from rough-

ing work to the very intricate carving of stone.

A variety of polishing discs wheels were used depending on the finish required of the stone depending on polishing stages and abrasive used: broken cast scroll, cast stroll, emery ring, concentric ring, rope

buffer, coco matt and felt buffers. A typical 18 inch polishing wheel being rotated at 200 RPM with an experienced operator could polish 30 to 40 ft.² of granite in an eight hour day. Cast iron polishing wheels in a variety of different styles

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Crane Public Library Bookstore Holiday Sale Going On Now

Used and nearly-new books make great gifts for the discriminating buyer. The Thomas Crane Public Library Bookstore has a great selection of books, DVDs, compact discs, and puzzles for all your second-hand gift giving needs.

All holiday-related materials collected throughout the year have now been put into stock and available for purchase. TCPL also maintains a stellar children's section.

When you stop by the TCPL store, which is lo-

cated in the Atrium on the ground floor of the main library, you'll also find a large collection of ex-library coffee table art books in good condition for \$1 each. These make great gifts for your art-loving friends and family. They run the gamut from

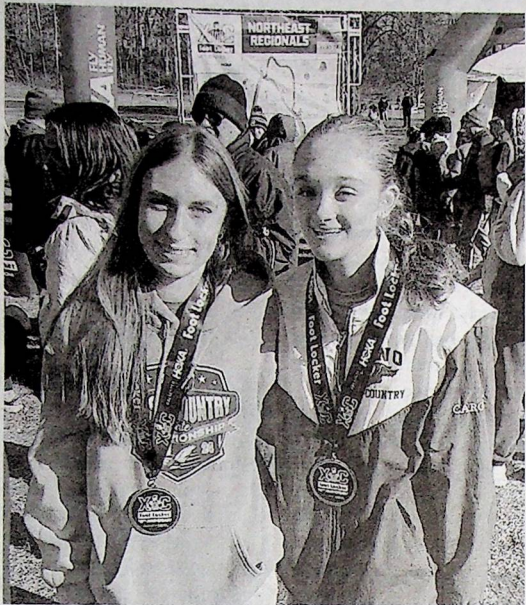
the ancient masters to modern 20th century art.

The Bookstore is run by volunteers and its earnings enable the Friends to support a wide variety of library programs, including museum passes, musical performances, and guest speakers. The store is open

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday 5 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To maintain and update its wide-ranging offerings, the bookstore accepts donations of any quantity of books, DVDs or music CDs

that you would like to give. They can be dropped off by depositing them in the white donation bin located in the Main Branch Atrium, which is available all hours that the Library is open. Donations are also accepted in the bookstore itself during store hours.



THREE CROSS-COUNTRY athletes earned medals at the recent Footlocker Northeast Regional at Franklin Park. The five kilometer event featured 356 competitors from all over the Northeast and Middle Atlantic states. Local athletes earning medals were (from left to right) North Quincy sophomore Wilson Chen (25th place), Ada Cote (10th place) and Caroline Zuffante (19th place), both sophomores at Quincy High School. Eight athletes from Quincy competed. Results below.

Courtesy Photos

Footlocker Northeast Regional Franklin Park 11/30/24 5 Kilometers							
First	Last	Gender	Division	Time	Place	Comp	notes
Wilson	Chen	M	Frosh-Soph	18:08	25	96	medalist
Carter	Bishop	M	Frosh-Soph	18:59	56	96	
Cooper	Nelson	M	Frosh-Soph	19:56	75	96	
Ada	Cote	F	Frosh-Soph	21:15	10	46	medalist
Caroline	Zuffante	F	Frosh-Soph	21:50	19	46	medalist
Guliana	Wilkinson	F	Frosh-Soph	27:36	44	46	
Liam	Murphy	M	Junior-Senior	20:54	38	49	
Nathan	Feldman	M	Junior-Senior	21:37	40	49	

What's New At The Quincy Quarry, Granite Workers Museum

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ran from 5 inches in diameter up to 52 inches in diameter.

The Bush hammer was designed and patented by Joseph Richards in 1828 and all later surfacing tools utilized the Bush design. In 1890 pneumatic surfacing machines were introduced that used a single, powerful pneumatic hammer either attached to the end of a sliding horizontal bar mounted on a trolley that moves along a fixed bar. The multi-pointed single tools of the Bush style and the multibladed Bush tools would have been mounted in the pneumatic hammer mounted on the horizontal sliding bar. With the use of pneumatic hammers and the Bush style tools granite could be removed rapidly forming a smooth flat surface on the granite which also cut the cost of surfacing a granite block.

Circular metal diamond saws were used for the cutting of stone. Diamond wheels come in many different sizes and can be used to cut a large piece of stone which produced a very smooth surface on the stone face. The diamond wheels consisted of a metal wheel covered on its cutting edge with a diamond coating. Basically, polycrystalline diamonds which are manufactured in a highly intensity process are used to produce the cutting surface of the wheel. Diamond particles get fused with a carbide substrate and brazed onto the wheels cutting edge.

The abrasive wheel used in the granite industry for the grinding and forming of stone appearances and used as a cut off wheel in specific operations. Abrasive wheels are made from an abrasive compound, a coarse particle or fine particle abrasive aggregate that is bonded together with a

cementing matrix mixture into the shape of a wheel. The abrasive grains can consist of ceramic alumina, zirconia alumina, aluminum oxide, silicon carbide or a ceramic material. The bonding media holds the abrasive grains together which form the wheel.

The Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum and the Lyons Turning Mill will open for the 2025 season on the first weekend in March and continue with the first weekend each month through November 2025. The museum is also looking for artifacts pictures stories of Quincy's granite industry and related industries including tool manufacturing, transportation of granite and the Finish steam bath that were located in West Quincy.

Contact the museum with any questions or requests at 617-472-1322 or email at quincyquarrymuseum@gmail.com.

Obituaries

Mary T. Barry, 72



MARY T. BARRY

Mary T. Barry, age 72, a lifelong Quincy resident, died, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved daughter of the late J. Rita (Lambert) and Chief Edward F. Barry, Quincy Fire Department, Retired and sister of the late Barbara A. Casagrande. Mary was the third child of six children.

Mary deeply loved her family, especially all her nieces and nephews. She was blessed with wonderful friends and truly cherished the time she spent with them. Throughout her life her favorite thing to do was spending time with family and friends and their children celebrating and making happy memories. She thoroughly enjoyed all the parties, cookouts, birthdays and holidays that brought everyone together. She was often the first guest to arrive, immediately offering a helping hand and never wanting to leave until the cleanup was done!

Mary was intelligent, educated, and well read. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Class of 1970, and went on to graduate from Framingham State College. She was a wonderful source of knowledge and at times she would be like a search engine seeking out and locating information for family and friends. She had an eye for detail, always striving for perfection. She enjoyed trav-

elling with family and some of her favorite trips were to Ireland and Disney World. She also enjoyed spending time down on Cape Cod and up in Maine. Boston however was her favorite city. Mary knew every inch of the city and could navigate it by foot, train, car, or trolley spending time in her favorite restaurants and shops.

Mary was a wonderful baker and cook. She had spent her junior year abroad studying at Sorbonne University in France. While there she also visited Italy, England, and Germany as well. She came back with a fondness for France and all things French, especially the food (but NOT the wine)! She had an extensive cookbook and recipe collection. Recipes were collected from magazines, newspapers, and of course from family and friends. If you had a recipe that failed and asked her advice she could tell you exactly how to achieve a desired result or what would work and why. Mary was al-

ways interested in the tools of the trade and she had an extensive collection of them. If you were lucky and promised to be very careful and followed her explicit verbal and written instructions as to how to use and care for them, she would happily let you borrow them, especially if she was your Auntie!

Mary was deeply loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

So in her honor, come let's sit, have a cookie and a cup of tea. And we'll smile and laugh together, as we recall a happy Mary memory.

God Bless and Joy be with you all.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1 - 4 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St., Quincy, on Monday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Ellie Fund for Breast Cancer, 200 Reservoir St., Suite 300, Needham, MA 02494 (www.elliefund.org), or the charity of your choice.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Joseph Chernicki, 64



JOSEPH CHERNICKI

Joseph (Joe) Chernicki, age 64, of Quincy MA, passed on Nov. 24, 2024 after a brief illness.

Joe grew up in Houghs Neck where he found his love for the ocean. Upon his request, his ashes will be spread amongst the ocean he loved and spent 35 years working on as a Lobsterman.

Joe was a generous and kind hearted man who dedicated many years of his life to raising his daughter, helping to care for her siblings, and most recently caring for his beloved grandson who he loved to take with him wherever he went but especially to the park for hours at a time.

He is survived by his mother Joanne Chernicki, his daughter Jennifer Cher-

sterman but no title did he cherish more than Papa.

Family and friends are welcome to attend his Celebration of Life on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Coops Bar and Grille at 520 Washington St., Quincy, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers a Go fund me has been set up for his grandson Liam the link is <https://gofund.me/6b4ea82>.

Joe will be sorely missed, forever cherished, and remembered for his generosity, kindness, unwavering love and loyalty and his ability to make a friend wherever he went.

Funeral arrangements are under the compassionate care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For information and online condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

READERS FORUM

Proposed Lease Not In Best Interests Of Quincy

Don't be fooled! Quarry Hills wants much more than a 50-year extension on its existing Lease. They also intend to pay less.

As we know, the devil is in the details. Quarry Hills seeks to renegotiate the lease binding the City for four generations. It is critical that the City advocate for a Lease that maximizes the return for taxpayers and includes periodic evaluation of the financial arrangements. The City has nothing to lose - the lease is in place until 2056. If Quarry Hills wants to expand or increase the length of the Lease, it must agree to pay Quincy taxpayers more money - and Quincy should settle for nothing less.

Other changes in the new lease include: no requirement for a Recreational Complex and a Quarry Hills Advisory Committee so top heavy with Quarry Hills' representatives, they will es-

entially advise themselves.

But the most appalling change is the option to buy 12 acres of open space to build a hotel and condominiums. We understand Mayor Koch suggested this - who does he represent - us or Quarry Hills? Quarry Hills does not believe that it needs to exercise that option in order to build a hotel, so why did the Mayor offer this?

In addition, the proposed formula for payments to Quincy is much less advantageous than the existing lease which is skewed heavily in favor of Quarry Hills anyway.

Presently, Quarry Hills takes 35 deductions from their profits, and we get 10% of the remainder. For example, in the third quarter of 2023, Quarry Hills' profit for the food, beverage and function operation was \$6,449,652.00. It subtracted \$5,028,826.00, for deduc-

tions defined in the present lease. Quincy received \$142,082.00, 10% of the remainder.

Quarry Hills now proposes to also deduct maintenance expenses and financing costs. Using the same example, the third quarter of 2023, Quarry Hills would deduct an additional \$767,651.00, the cost of maintenance, and also deduct unknown "costs of financing", let's say \$50,000.00. Quincy would get 10% of the remaining \$603,175.00 or \$60,318.00. This is close to \$82,000 less than under the current lease. Under the new lease, Quincy gets less money every quarter of every year until 2106, as soon as the City Council votes "Yes." Why would we do this???

The proposed new lease is not in the best interests of Quincy.

Jocelyn Sedney
Quincy

READERS FORUM

Officials Should Reject Proposal As Being Unjust To Taxpayers

When have you ever heard of rewarding a tenant for failing to comply with its current lease by extending that lease by 50 years at a lower rate? Most would say, "Never!"

However, that is exactly what is proposed for the Quarry Hills/Granite Links (QH/GL) complex. Their compliance shortcomings range from failing to provide the Recreational Complex as promised in the lease, to failure to maintain the ball fields, parking, lighting, trails, restrooms, and advisory committee.

Many are impressed with the contributions QH/GL have made to the City - first in capping the landfill, then in creating the stunning golf course and clubhouse. They believe that QH/GL deserves this lease to help enhance their profit margin. However, others think they have already been handsomely compensated by the City through substantial incentives before and during

the term of the existing lease

The wording of the proposed "Act" is very disturbing. It seeks to eliminate compliance with chapters 30B and 40 - disposition of real property and zoning. It also includes an option to sell 12+ acres to QH/GL for a hotel. This property is zoned Open Space! Under recent state legislation, all loss of Open Space must be replicated elsewhere in the City. How can that happen? If there were an extra 12+ acres in Quincy, a hotel could be built there rather than purloining open space at this site?

"What's the rush?" Some attorneys and accountants have opined that this lease is not in the City's best interests. Most feel our City officials could be better stewards of our resources by hiring outside real estate counsel who would better protect the City first and foremost.

To extend this lease be-

cause "if they make more money, we make more money" is simply flawed judgment. "They need this extension for financing!" Not so. Correspondence from bankers indicates there is no need for an 83 year lease to confirm that QH/GL is in control. Lenders state that 30 years would suffice - and 33 years remain on the current lease!

Bottom line - this is an agreement that will bind the City for another three generations. Like marriage, it should not be entered into "unadvisedly or lightly, but . . . deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted."

Our City officials owe us, their constituents, due diligence, objectivity, accountability and fairness.

They should reject this proposal as being unjust to the taxpayers of Quincy.

Thank you.

Maureen and
Michael Mazrimas
Quincy

Ian Cain And Leadership Style

Once again Ian Cain shows his leadership style. At a meeting where taxpayers were supposedly permitted to voice their concerns, Mr. Cain turned off constituent microphones because,

as he told us, only he knows what's right for constituents.

In a recent article he told us that is his definition of leadership. Some citizens disagree, sounds more like

authoritarianism. Wake up Ward 3 - choose a real leader.

Kathryn Campbell
Quincy

AAA Survey: Nearly Two-Thirds Of Drivers Admit To Unsafe Driving Behaviors

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the previous 30 days.

For example, while 93% of drivers identified hand-held phone use as an extremely risky behavior, more than a third admitted to reading a text or email or holding a phone while driving over the previous 30 days.

In 2023, nearly 41,000 people were killed in U.S. traffic crashes, a sobering reminder of the ongoing public health crisis on our roads. Despite a slight decrease from the previous year, the threat posed by risky driving behaviors remains alarmingly high.

The new report illuminates this issue by categorizing drivers based on their self-reported risky behaviors. Speeding, distracted driving and aggressive driving emerged as the most prevalent dangerous habits.

Key Findings

Distracted Driving

• Most drivers (93%) recognize the dangers of texting, emailing and reading while driving.

• However, 27% of drivers reported sending a text/email while driving; 37% read a text/email; and 36%

spoke on a hand-held phone while driving in the previous 30 days.

Aggressive Driving and Speeding

• Most drivers (89%) perceive aggressive driving as dangerous and 81% said the same about running red lights. Yet 27% ran at least one red light in the previous 30 days.

• And nearly half (49%) admitted to driving 15 mph over the posted speed limit on a freeway at least once in the previous 30 days, while 36% of drivers reported driving 10 mph over the posted speed limit on a residential street.

Drowsy Driving

• Most drivers (96%) recognize the dangers of drowsy driving.

• However, 20% admitted to driving while drowsy in the previous 30 days.

Impaired Driving

• Drivers overwhelmingly perceive drunk driving as dangerous (95%) and socially unacceptable. Yet 7% admitted to engaging in this behavior in the previous 30 days.

• By comparison, only 70% of drivers felt that it was very or extremely dan-

gerous to drive within an hour of using cannabis, and 6% reported having done it in the previous 30 days.

Driver Profiles

The survey identified five distinct driver profiles.

1. **Safe Drivers:** Rarely engage in risky behaviors - 34.9%.

2. **Distracted Drivers:** Primarily engage in all distracted driving behaviors - 19%.

3. **Speeding Drivers:** Primarily engage in speeding behaviors - 32.6%.

4. **Distracted and Aggressive Drivers:** Engage in distracted and aggressive driving - 11%.

5. **Most Dangerous Drivers:** Engage in all risky driving behaviors - 2.5%.

"The survey's findings highlight just how prevalent speeding is, especially among drivers who take other risks behind the wheel," said Mark Schiel-drop, Senior Spokesperson. "Enforcement, community outreach and education continue to be absolutely critical to curbing a wide range of risky driving behaviors and ultimately lowering the number of traffic crash fatalities in the U.S."

Quincy Doing Well When It Comes To New Development

Over here in East Boston, I have watched over the past few years as the overdevelopment of all of East Boston continues to negatively impact every inch of my adopted community. Look around and you will see more and more housing being built without taking any consideration or any concern to the overcrowding being caused and the spacity of on-street parking attached to this urban housing issue.

Most developing ventures regularly overlook the need to provide sufficient off-street parking inside these new residential structures being built. There is a finite availability of on-street parking options and apparently few if any developers seemingly wish to address this issue.

As someone who resided

in the City of Quincy for 25 years, I have seen much development rising up here as more and more residential buildings are also springing up especially near Red Line MBTA stations. However, unlike East Boston, developers are doing much better at addressing the scarcity of on-street parking options.

At the moment there is a proposed residential project for North Quincy next to the Neponset bridge connecting Quincy to Boston where a developer is looking to create 139 apartment units that would also come with a total of 134 parking spots inside a garage, 21 percent studios, 25 percent two-bedrooms and 54 percent one bedrooms.

Why can't developers in East Boston offer the same thing? In East Boston, developers seem to count bike

racks as parking spaces which appears so totally ridiculous. I am not anti-development but I fear endless market-rate apartment buildings without sufficient parking only injures the surrounding neighborhoods to these projects. Parking is a quality of life issue that too often gets forgotten by builders who simply seem oblivious to parking issues they actually created.

Personally, I also advocate for enough open space. God forbid the idea that every inch of every parcel of land must have something built atop it.

Take it from me, Quincy is doing well when it comes to new development that takes into account the needs of the entire community. New housing is never built in a vacuum.

Sal Giarratani
East Boston

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OBITUARIES

Jeanette Chiappetta, 80

Jeanette Chiappetta, 80, of Norwell, MA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, after a long battle with dementia. She was born on Dec. 16, 1943, in Quincy, MA, to the late Arthur and Leonora Webber, formerly of Weymouth.

Jeanette grew up in North Quincy and graduated from North Quincy High School in 1961. In April 1958, at the age of 14, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, a faith she cherished throughout her life. She devoted nine years as a full-time minister and carried her "pioneer spirit" with her always, boldly and joyfully sharing her love for Jehovah.

Jeanette's primary focus in life was her hope for the future based on the Bible, as found at Revelation 21:4 and John 5:28,29. This promise of a peaceful future gave her strength and joy, shaping her outlook and inspiring her to share her faith with others.



JEANETTE CHIAPPETTA

Jeanette was known for her warmth, determination, inquisitiveness and love of hearing a "good story." An adventurous spirit, Jeanette enjoyed bike riding, kayaking, skiing, dancing, singing, and playing cards. She found joy in cooking and sewing when time allowed. Most of all, she cherished spending time with the people she loved most—her family and friends.

A natural problem solver, Jeanette had a technical mind and began working with computers in the early 1990s, a field she ap-

proached with her characteristic curiosity and skill.

Jeanette is survived by her beloved husband, Vinnie Chiappetta, and her daughter, Julia Smith, and her husband, Dan, of Norwell. She is also survived by her brother, Richard Webber, of Weymouth; her nephew, Joel Webber, and his wife, Bernadette, of Middleboro; her niece, Lindsey Sawyer, and her husband, Mike, of Natick; and her mother-in-law, Ann Palmer, of Plymouth.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to a memorial talk celebrating Jeanette's life at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Holbrook (314 North Franklin St.) on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, at 3 p.m.

Funeral Arrangements are under the compassionate care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For information and online condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

Joan A. Bruce, 82

Joan Ann Bruce, a beloved longtime resident of Cape Cod, passed away on Nov. 29, 2024, at Hebrew SeniorLife in Roslindale, Massachusetts, at the age of 82.

Born on Jan. 12, 1942, in Quincy, Massachusetts, Joan was the daughter of Joan (McMahon) and Edward Bruce. She was also the cherished sister of Margaret Doherty and James Bruce.

Joan was a compassionate and dedicated professional who spent her career improving the lives of those affected by mental illness. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston College in 1970 and later completed her Master of Science in Psychiatric Nursing from the University of Massachusetts. Joan began her career at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, where she played a pivotal role in organizing training and continuing education programs for nursing staff. Driven by her passion to improve men-



JOAN A. BRUCE

tal health care, Joan earned her Doctor of Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1990.

Her career took her across Massachusetts, where she worked in various roles. Most recently, in Hyannis, Joan taught nursing and provided counseling to patients. She was deeply dedicated to her students and the individuals she helped, leaving a lasting impact on the field of mental health care.

Outside of her professional life, Joan was an adventurous spirit with a love for skiing at Loon Mountain,

golfing at the Hyannis Golf Club, and traveling with her longtime friend, Sharon. Joan also cherished lively family gatherings with her cousins, weekends at the beach with her sister and family, and visits to her brother Jimmy in Florida.

Joan is survived by her devoted sister, Margaret (Bruce) Doherty, and several nieces and nephews: Stephen, Kathy (Bruce) Schmeer, David and Joseph Bruce, and George, Joanne, and Elizabeth Doherty. She is also survived by many dear cousins. Joan will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to the Funeral Service with the family on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at 12 p.m., at the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Joan may be made to Hebrew SeniorLife, whose staff was kind, caring and compassionate to Joan in her final years, Hebrew SeniorLife, 1200 Centre St., Boston, MA 02131.

William M. Clasby, 59

With profound sorrow and a deep sense of loss, we announce the passing of William Michael Clasby on Dec. 4, 2024, at the age of 59. He departed this world at Gordon Hospice House in Mooresville, North Carolina, surrounded by the love and presence of his family.

William's journey began in Boston, Massachusetts, where he was lovingly adopted through Catholic Charities by Mary Theresa Clasby and Paul Francis Clasby who he joined. His upbringing was steeped in the values of faith and family, with his father serving as his greatest role model and spiritual guide. These early influences shaped William's life, instilling in him that his belief in a higher power was unwavering, and he lived his life with the assurance that he was part of a greater plan. In his passing, we find comfort in the knowledge that he is now at peace, embraced by the eternal love of God.

William is survived by his cherished children: Aryanna Michele Clasby, William Paul Clasby, Along with Christopher Allan Clasby, and Anthony Clasby. He also leaves behind Michele Ann Clasby, Paula Clasby, and Winston Kokaram.

In his later years, William found companionship with his significant other April Wood, and her sons, Whalen, Glenn, Danny, Billy along with two



WILLIAM M. CLASBY

grandchildren, Trace and Wynonah who affectionately called him "Grampa Bill," also mourn his loss.

Throughout his life, William lived in various places in Massachusetts, including Quincy, Dorchester, North Attleboro, Blackstone, and Martha's Vineyard, before spending his final years in Statesville, North Carolina. He graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in 1983 and pursued his passion for culinary arts, earning a degree from Quincy Junior College.

William's career was marked by his entrepreneurial spirit as a business owner and his dedication as a trucking owner and operator. However, his deepest passion was cooking, a love he shared with all who knew him. Cooking was not just a profession for him; it was a way to express love and bring people together. His meals reflected his generous spirit, always prepared with care, and shared with joy.

Vincent Comunale, 85



VINCENT COMUNALE

Vincent Comunale, 85, of Quincy, Massachusetts and Florida passed away on Nov. 14, 2024 at Hancock Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, after a brief battle with COVID. He was born Aug. 27, 1939 in Boston, Massachusetts, to Vincent Comunale of Italy and Evelyn B. Comunale (Zottoli) of Quincy. Evelyn later remarried the late Edward F. Carey.

Vincent is survived by his former wife, Beverly Herrera, their two daughters, Lynne Marie Secatore (Peter) of Florida & Plymouth Massachusetts and Stacy Ann McDonald of Quincy, and his brother Edward Carey (Nancy). He also leaves four grandchildren: Nicholas Secatore, Christina Secatore, Sara McDonald and Melissa Ledet (William) and two

nephews, Edward Jr. and Leo Carey.

As the oldest son of Evelyn Carey, Vincent stepped in to help raise his younger brother Edward Carey, and they remained close throughout the years. Vincent and Beverly raised their family on the water in Hull, Massachusetts.

Vincent worked in a variety of fields, from being in a band with his long-time friends to being a manager at General Dynamics. He was a great cook with a sweet tooth!

Known for his selflessness, William was always ready to help others, especially his family, whom he supported unconditionally. His presence was a constant source of comfort, respect, and strength.

William's life, a time to share stories and a moment to reflect on the impact he had on all who knew him.

William Michael Clasby will be dearly missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched. His life was a testament to the power of love, faith, and family, and his legacy will continue to inspire and guide us. As we bid farewell to a beloved father, partner, and friend, we hold onto the promise of eternal life and the hope of a joyous reunion in the eternal home. May he rest in peace, cradled in the arms of the Lord.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Liver Foundations. Donations can be mailed at the address below or received online. American Liver Foundation, P.O. Box 299, West Orange, NJ 07052.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Agatha Church, 432 Adams St., Milton on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 10:30 a.m. Visitation Wednesday 4-8 p.m. at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave, Milton. Interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He loved playing his guitar, sailing, and riding his motorcycle. He sailed down the east coast and landed in a marina in St. Augustine, Florida where he lived for over a decade and then moved to dry land in Daytona before moving back to Martha's Vineyard to again live by the sea.

Vincent spent his final years back in Quincy, close to his family. He greatly enjoyed his family's visits and the chocolates and pastries they regularly brought to brighten his day.

A celebration of life will be held with family in the summer of 2025.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Expect Miracles Foundation in memory of Vincent Stephen Comunale. Any amount is welcome in the fight against cancer. https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/spkEes2dYg-5Cy1fbTPQlw.

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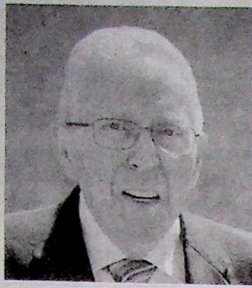
George D. Jackson, age 90, of Braintree, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, in the comfort of his loving family.

George was born in Quincy, to the late Joseph J. and Margaret (Sutherland) Jackson. Raised and educated there, he was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1952, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern University. He lived in Braintree for over thirty years, previously in Quincy.

He was employed as a civil engineer for Fay, Spofford & Thorndike of Lexington for twenty-three years. He also worked as a resident engineer for the Massachusetts Port Authority. He was a member of the American Society of Engineers, Boston Section.

George was a proud United States Navy veteran of the Korean War, having served with the Naval Construction Battalion, Seabees.

He loved the ocean and was an avid boater. George was a member of the South Shore Yacht Club for many years where he served as a past Commodore, past president, and past treasurer. He also volunteered as President of the Quincy Bay



GEORGE D. JACKSON

Race Week Association in 1991 and later as secretary of the association.

George was a man of great faith and was an active member of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Braintree where he was a daily communicant and served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, senior acolyte assisting at Funeral Masses, and a Sunday usher. He willingly shared his time and woodworking talent with the parish. For his services and contributions, he was honored with the Bishop Cheverus Award by Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

He was devoted to his family and especially enjoyed supporting their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved husband for thirty years of Elizabeth A. (Ryan) Jackson.

Devoted stepfather of Ann M. Frazier and her hus-

band Michael of Braintree, Teresa A. Hathaway and her husband Curt of SC, Michael Boussy and his wife Patrice of Hanson, Carol A. Pistorino of CA, and the late Joan M. Newcomb and her surviving husband Douglas of NH.

Loving grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of seven.

Dear brother of the late Joseph C. Jackson, Deputy Chief, Quincy Fire Department, Retired and his late wife M. Virginia "Ginny" and the late John W. Jackson.

George is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting Hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Monday, Dec. 9. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington St., Braintree, on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Interment, with military honors, followed at Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

For those who wish, donations in George's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Loretta D. Keenan, 90

Loretta D. Keenan (Donovan) of Quincy, passed away suddenly and peacefully Dec. 7, 2024, at the age of 90, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of 57 years to the late Philip J. Keenan. Loving mother of Paul Keenan (Retired Chief, QPD) and his wife Karen of Hanover, Matthew Keenan (QFD) and his wife Sandy of Hanover, Christine Koch and her husband Mayor Thomas of Quincy, Senator John Keenan and his wife



LORETTA D. KEENAN

Jeanne of Quincy, Joanne Nachatelo and her husband Marvin of Billerica, James Keenan of Quincy, and

Catherine Maloney and her husband Michael of Quincy.

Loretta was the beloved daughter of the late Owen Donovan and Anna (Rooney) Donovan, the youngest of 8 children. She was the dear sister of the late Angela Donovan, Elizabeth Kraft, William Donovan, James Donovan, Virginia Keenan, Frances "Bunny" Otowchits, and Sister Mary Donovan. Loretta was the devoted and loving Nana to

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INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS Department of Public Buildings

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Quincy, acting on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, is seeking sealed bids for **ON CALL BOARD AND PLASTERING SERVICES** until 11:30 a.m. local time **Thursday, December 19, 2024**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The City of Quincy aims to partner with an established company for the purpose of procuring emergency, preventative, and routine Board and Plastering Services, with limited new construction, to be provided to the City of Quincy acting through its Department of Public Buildings for both School and Municipal Buildings and Facilities.

A 5% bid bond is required for the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Questions will be accepted until December 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised. All applicable Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations in relation to and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Department of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Request for Proposals (RFP)

"Lease/Operation of Food and Beverage Service at Furnace Brook Golf Course"

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: January 9, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Department of Natural Resources, is soliciting proposals to lease / operate the food and beverage service at the Furnace Brook Golf Course in Quincy. The City of Quincy controls the Furnace Brook Golf Course located at 20 Reservoir Road in Quincy, MA. Furnace Brook is a nine-hole public golf course. A brand-new clubhouse is being constructed which will open in January/February 2025.

The approved Proposer shall operate a facility as described in the specifications. The Vendor shall be granted the right to sell at retail and serve at the Furnace Brook Golf Club and premises hot and cold food and beverages (including wine, beer, malt beverages and liquor, in individual servings) during the Life of the Contract; the period beginning on February 1, 2025. The Vendor shall be granted the right to use the kitchen, kitchen equipment, counters, tables and chairs located at the facility. The Vendor will prepare and sell food and beverages on the premises solely for the purpose of the golf course concession.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until January 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy Department of Natural Resources shall determine the selected proposer. The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO24P2908EA Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200 Estate of: Mary T. McNally Also known as: Mary McNally Date of Death: 7/30/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ann Marie McNally of Quincy, MA and Cara Marie McNally of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Ann Marie McNally of Quincy, MA and Cara Marie McNally of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 12/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 21, 2024 COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY Register of Probate

great-nephews.

Born in Boston, Loretta was raised in Roslindale, graduating from Roslindale High School. After high school she worked for New England Telephone. In 1956 she married her husband Phil, living as a young couple in Brighton,

then Franklin, and settling in the Wollaston neighborhood of Quincy where they raised their 7 children. Loretta worked as a sales clerk at Filene's in Boston and then as a receptionist at CNA Insurance in Quincy. She was a Cub Scout Pack 14 Den Mother and was ac-

tive in Saint Ann's Parish as a CCD teacher, member of the Mariannes, and in the church bowling league.

Loretta's family was her life. She was an incredible mother, possessing a keen sense of what was going on in the lives of her children, and loved hearing the news

from each. She was always guiding, nurturing, advising, and offering constant, unconditional love. Living independently until her passing, she spent Thanksgiving with her large family, especially enchanted with her great grandchildren. A woman of great faith, she

passed holding the hands of her daughters, praying the Hail Mary and calling upon the Blessed Mother. Her father passed away when she was just 16 years old, she missed him every day and knew her passing was on the day that he had died.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 from 2 - 6 p.m. at Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Saint Ann's Church, 755 Hancock St., Quincy, on Monday, Dec. 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy. Donations may be made in Loretta's memory to Daughters of Mary of Nazareth at Saint Joseph of Nazareth Convent, P.O. Box 690789, Quincy, MA 02269 (https://dmnazareth.org).

More Obituaries online at www.TheQuincySun.com

LEGAL NOTICE

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. NO24P3047EA Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Norfolk Division 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200 Estate of:

Theodore Tranquillino Date of Death: September 3, 2024 To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner Dolores A. Tranquillino of Quincy, MA Dolores A. Tranquillino of Quincy, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

12/12/24

INVITATION TO BID

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QUINCY HOUSING AUTHORITY INVITES PROPOSALS FOR SIDING REPLACEMENT AT THE RIVERVIEW FAMILY DEVELOPMENT QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

The Quincy Housing Authority (Awarding Authority) will receive bids for the Siding Replacement Project at the Riverview Family Development, located in Quincy, MA. The estimated construction cost of this Project is \$1,500,000. Sealed General Bids will be received electronically until 10:00AM on January 10, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened, forthwith online. General Bidders shall be DCAMM certified in General Construction.

All General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to Quincy Housing Authority or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the Quincy Housing Authority. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid price.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs Online Inc.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

Attention is directed to the Davis-Bacon Act Wage Determinations, a copy of which is included in the Contract Documents and will be made a part of the Contract.

Bidding procedures and award of the Contract and Subcontracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149, Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all current amendments; and the guidelines established by the Deputy Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Assets Management (DCAMM), dated June 30, 1981.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work - General Construction and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM, local legal time, on December 18, 2024 at the Riverview Family Development, contractors will meet at 15 Bicknell St. Quincy, MA. All bidders are invited to attend.

The Awarding Authority is exempt from sales and federal excise tax to the extent permitted under law. Bidders should not include such taxes in figuring or in references to any bid.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws Section 149, Sections 44A through 44L and Chapter 30, Sections 39F through 39P, are incorporated herein by reference. Any inconsistency between the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Forms, Conditions of the Contract, and any other Contract Documents and these statutes, or any other applicable statutes, bylaws, or regulations existing on the date on which the bids are to be received, shall not be grounds for invalidating the bidding procedures, but, where required by law, such statute, bylaw, or regulation shall be deemed to govern.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to reject any and all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so, and to act upon the bids and make its award in any lawful manner.

A brief description of the Project Scope and Schedule is as follows:

PROJECT SCOPE

General Bidders are to be DCAMM certified in General Construction. The project scope consists of siding replacement at the Riverview Family Development in Quincy, MA. The general scope of the construction work is as follows:

Complete removal and replacement of the existing siding, as indicated on the project drawings and specifications. Siding shall be replaced with new vinyl siding in six (6) different colors. Any deteriorated cladding shall be removed and replaced and a unit price per linear foot will be established. Window shutters are to be removed and reinstalled (if condition is acceptable) and damaged shutters will be replaced on a unit price basis. PVC panels to be installed at all electrical sheds & fixed railing to wall locations. Break metal flashing shall be installed at all basewall to deck locations, above PVC panels and at window head/jambs. All dryer vent covers to be removed and replaced. Remove & replace sealant joints between chimney and wall. Surveillance cameras, electrical sheds and wire covers will be disconnected and reconnected as needed to install new vinyl siding.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Project out to bid December 11, 2024 On-site Pre-Bid Meeting December 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. General Bid Questions Due..... December 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Response to Questions By January 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. General Bids Due January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

A contract is expected to be promptly awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The construction phase is expected to commence upon the completion of the shop drawing phase, with the work to be completed by April 30, 2026. The work hours shall be as follows: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Saturdays with prior permission.

All bids shall remain in effect for 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after opening of General Bids. Successful bidders shall agree to commence work and complete the Work in accordance with the dates set forth in the Bidding Documents.

The Quincy Housing Authority reserves the right to award or not award the project.

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St. Chrysostom's Christmas Fair Saturday

The public is invited to visit St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its annual Christmas Fair.

The fair will feature food (both to sample and to buy), Christmas crafts for

children, vendors offering unique gifts, public entertainment, and

The Mite Box thrift store will also be open.

We hope to see you this Saturday at this joyous event. The church is located at the corner of Hancock and Linden Streets in Wollaston.

Featured In Next Week's Quincy Sun (Dec. 19th)

'If I Could Give One Gift This Holiday Season'

Written by Fifth Graders In Quincy

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. NO24P3225EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
Debra L. Leal
Date of Death:
05/04/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Steven Keenan of Weymouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Steven Keenan of Weymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 01/08/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 3, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Request for Proposals (RFP) "Lease of Outdoor Space at Historic Tide Mill Site"

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: January 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Office of the City Solicitor, is soliciting proposals for the lease of property known as the Historic Tide Mill Site located at 610 Southern Artery, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. The disposition of the property is subject to the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L.c.30B. The provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B, Section 16, are incorporated herein by reference. The selected bidder will be required to submit a disclosure of beneficial interest in order to comply with M.G.L. c.7, Section 40J.

The property to be leased is a 5 Acre (219,831 +/-sf) irregular shaped lot containing a historical Tide Mill structure, piers, and a wharf. The land is in a Designated Port Area. A proposal that enhances public enjoyment of this unique marine site is preferred and required.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until January 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy. Late proposals, delivered by mail or in person, will be rejected.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
James Timmins, City Solicitor
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

12/12/24

INVITATION TO BID

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For

FILED SUB BIDDER AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

CITY OF QUINCY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1305 HANCOCK STREET
QUINCY, MA 02169

Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

BEECHWOOD KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIT VENTILATOR REPLACEMENTS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for "FILED SUB CONTRACTORS"
for "GENERAL CONTRACTORS"

JANUARY 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
JANUARY 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** on site. (225 Fenno Street, Quincy, MA 02170) This meeting is strongly recommended to attend.

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the "BEECHWOOD KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIT VENTILATOR REPLACEMENTS PROJECT", in accordance with contract documents prepared by BLW Engineers. The work of this contract includes but is not limited to the removal of 10 self-contained DX, remote hot water unit ventilators and replacing with 10 remote VRF, remote hot water unit ventilators. 2 new roof-mounted VRF heat pump condensing units will be installed on the roof. New controls will be installed and integrated into the existing Honeywell Jace via Bacnet. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for HVAC. The total project is estimated to cost \$575,000.00.

Trade Categories
Electrical

Est. Constr. Cost
\$77,000.00

The Successful "General Contractor" and "Filed Sub Contractor" must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

Detailed specifications will be available December 4, 2024, at no cost on-line at the City's website. (https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php) Bidders shall send a confirming email to: mmarini@quincyma.gov to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from the website, it is bidder's responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a bid. The City will not be responsible for any bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding documents are also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until December 30, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until January 6, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

12/12/24

Legal Notices for Publication

Should be emailed to: quincysunsubs@gmail.com or thequincysun@verizon.net

Need more information? Call 617-471-3100

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. NO24P3088GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate and Family Court

35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

In the matter of:
Carmen R. Rivera

Of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Yolanda Rivera of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Carmen R. Rivera is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Yolanda Rivera of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/18/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 13, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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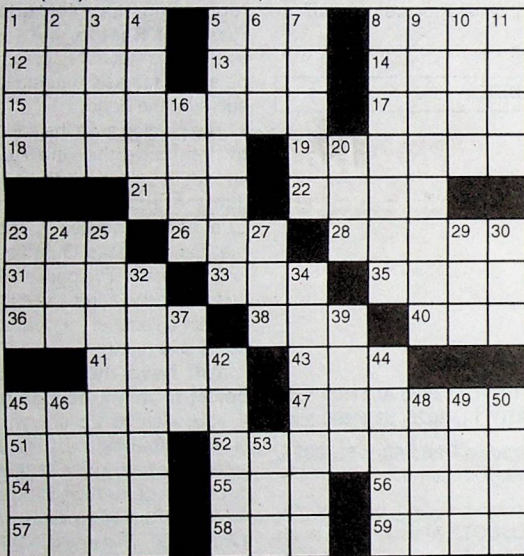
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
5 Financial pro
8 Sci-fi vehicles
12 Starring role
13 — Royal Highness
14 Worn-down pencils
15 Nose and mouth covering
17 Move like a butterfly
18 Short sock
19 Curved fasteners
21 Shoe width
22 Tropical tree
23 Santa's helper
26 Highland hat
28 Prettify
31 Painter Joan
33 Coffee vessel
35 A few
36 Glasses, slangily
38 Bro's kin
40 Compass dir.
41 And others (Lat.)
- 43 Goal
45 Filmed anew
47 Lubricate
51 Mountain ht.
52 Gathering organized via social media
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55 Sailor
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57 Chorus syllables
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32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"
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42 Certain jobs
44 Maestro Zubin —
45 Genuine
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4 "Skyfall" singer
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6 Math ratios
7 Invite to one's loft
8 Develops
9 Spectacular lunar phase
10 Last write-up
11 Bygone fliers
16 Bump into



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MAGIC MAZE • "OO" WORDS

Q O X U R P M J G D A X V C S
Q N O K I F D A X V T O Q U O
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D C A Z X W V B S K U S W S R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: AN INK DESIGN ON THE SKIN

Ballyhoo Cuckoo Shampoo Wahoo
Bamboo Hullabaloo Skidoo Waterlooo
Buckaroo Kangaroo Taboo Yahoo
Bugaboo Kazoo Voodoo

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is larger. 2. Picture on wall is moved. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Necktie is added. 5. Apron is different. 6. Whistle is added.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
- MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
- HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
- BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?

- U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

Answers

- "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
- Eight maids a-milking.
- Southern Africa.
- Thurgood Marshall.
- Mitosis.
- The Kringle 3000.
- The blue whale.
- Mobile, Alabama.
- Mercury.
- "Full House."

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H E A V D H E E E A A D D

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper-left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be sheepish about asking more questions before making a major decision at your workplace. Meanwhile, your personal relationships continue to improve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be rushed into renewing an old, cold relationship. But do you really want a reheated romance when there's a chance to warm up with someone new?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone tells you something that could lead you to rethink your plans for the holidays. Get the full story before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A financial matter that had you in a dither is finally being sorted out as more facts become available. A perplexing personal matter also clears up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You face a slew of new tasks at home and work. So, as much as you love being a social Lion, be careful not to overdo it at those preholiday parties.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unexpected news could cause some minor adjustments in your holiday planning. Defer a decision about a financial matter until you have more facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A project might not be bringing you the results you'd hoped it would by now.

But stay with it — things will soon begin to turn around.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A budding personal relationship continues to develop. Things also improve in your career, although some problems still need close attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Mercury is finally stationing direct in your sign after a few weeks in retrograde. This will give you motivation to take care of any outstanding tasks before the holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Allowing a misunderstanding to go unchallenged could jeopardize the plans you've made for the upcoming holidays. Clear the air now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you should be open to suggestions on how to plan for the holidays, you should also be firm in saying "no" to anything you disagree with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Get out from under all those holiday preparations and immerse yourself in a world of music. You'll soon feel refreshed, revived — maybe even reborn!

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in the truth and have little patience for those who try to hide it. You would make an excellent judge.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

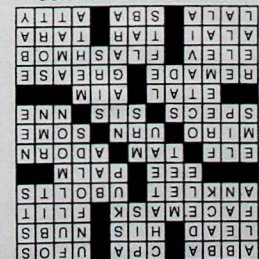
Clue: X equals O

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FXTJK MIUKVTHCQ!

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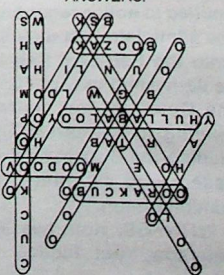
King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



Was somebody wondering whether or not I like my answer? Most certainly!

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Paul Mescal is poised to be the next international superstar. With the huge worldwide success of “*Gladiator II*,” co-starring Denzel Washington, it’s the one to watch for Best Picture, even before its opening in the United States!

Who is Paul Mescal? In addition to winning the Laurence Olivier Award for reinventing Stanley Kowalski for the London revival of “*A Streetcar Named Desire*” (2022), the Irish-born actor was Oscar-nominated in 2023 for “*Aftersun*.” He’ll follow “*Gladiator*” with the historical romantic drama “*The History of Sound*,” co-starring Josh O’Connor. They play two young men who travel in the summer of 1919 and revive folk songs. Mescal also has another historical drama titled “*Hamnet*,” opposite Jessie Buckley.

Currently, Mescal’s filming scenes in Daniel Radcliffe’s role for “*Merrily We Roll Along*,” the 1981 Stephen Sondheim/George Furth musical that flopped. It closed after only 160 performances, but its revival became an on- and off-Broadway hit in 2023, winning Tony Awards for Jonathan Groff and Radcliffe. Ben Platt is playing Groff’s role, while Beanie Feldstein plays Lindsay Mendez’s role. But before fans get excited, they’ll have to wait about 10 years to see it because director Richard Linklater films his movies over a span of 10-20 years. They’ve only completed two sequences so far.

John Travolta is making his movie-musical comeback starring in the musical rom-com “*That’s Amore!*” with Katherine Heigl, D. B. Sweeney, William Fichtner and Christopher

Walken.

Also hitting the musical-movie world again is former James Bond Pierce Brosnan, who is considering joining Cher in “*Mamma Mia 3!*” “*Mamma Mia!*” (2008) grossed \$611.4 million, while “*Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*” (2018) earned \$402.3 million. Cher revealed of the sequel, “We’re talking about it.” She’s angling for Meryl Streep to be in “3,” but Streep’s character died in the second film. So, it sounds like flashback magic will be needed. Since they make a “*Mamma Mia!*” movie every 10 years, it gives them until 2028 to complete this one.

Meanwhile, Brosnan’s playing a 93-year-old World War II veteran who grapples with his past pain in “*The Last Rifleman*.” The 71-year-old former “*Remington Steele*” also has a new western called “*The Unholy Trinity*” with Samuel L. Jackson, as well as Stephen Soderbergh’s spy thriller “*Black Bag*” with Cate Blanchett, Michael Fassbender, and Regé-Jean Page. The latter is due sometime in March 2025.

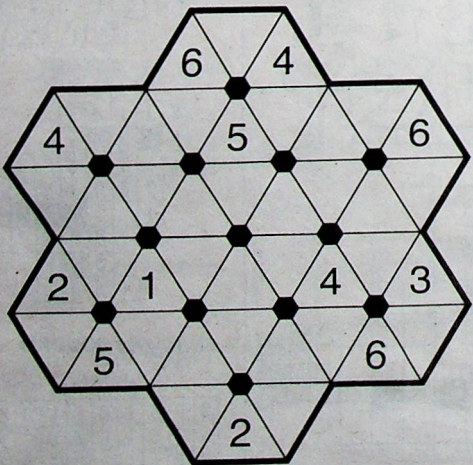
In addition, Brosnan has the Netflix British crime drama “*The Thursday Murder Club*” with Helen Mirren, Ben Kingsley, David Tennant and Jonathan Pryce for 2025, as well as an upcoming untitled “*Cliffhanger*” action-thriller film starring Lily James. He and wife, Keely, have managed over 30 happy years together without a breath of scandal. Ever wonder how a 71-year-old actor can maintain a 23-year marriage, raise five kids, and star in film after film? His Bond was made from Steele ... Remington Steele!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆ Medium ◆ Difficult

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Santa Figures — Santa Claus comes in many forms. While he is ultimately inspired by the historical St. Nicholas of Myra (today Demre, Turkey), a fourth-century Greek bishop, he is influenced by British, German, Dutch and Scandinavian folkloric figures. According to today’s traditions, he lives at the North Pole. So it might seem odd that the country store Santa figure pictured here, which sold for \$441 at Garths’ Auctioneers & Appraisers, holds an American flag. But the Santa Claus we know in the United States was developed here.

European immigrants brought their Christmas traditions with them. In 1823, American poet Clement Clark Moore published “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” probably better known as “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” establishing the image of Santa Claus as “a right jolly old elf.” Cartoonist Thomas Nast cemented this image in popular culture with his illustrations for Harper’s Weekly starting in the 1860s. L. Frank Baum, who set out to write a quintessentially American fairy tale with “The Wizard of Oz,” published “The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus” in 1902, depicting Santa as a founding child raised by fairies and granted immortality after a lifetime of good deeds. One of the most enduring images of Santa comes from the Coca-Cola advertisements designed by painter Haddon Sundblom starting in the 1930s. From Europe to the Americas, and from history to folklore to advertisements, Santa can make himself at home anywhere.

Q: Where can I find the value of a set of Peter Pan Records sung by the Caroleers?

A: The Caroleers were a group of mostly unknown vocalists who recorded children’s music for several companies during the 1950s, ‘60s, and ‘70s. They recorded for Peter Pan Records beginning in 1952. The Caroleers recorded several Christmas albums in 78 RPM, 45 RPM, and LP formats. Millions of their records were sold. Many sell on eBay for \$5 or less today. A few sell for about \$10. Some sites ask much more. Rarity and condition determine price. Go to a local store that buys and sells vintage records to see what your set sells for in your area.

TIP: Never leave salt in a silver saltshaker. It quickly can damage the silver.

CURRENT PRICES

- Bicycle, tricycle, figural horse, ride on, plaster, painted saddle, multicolor, hair tail, 33 x 31 inches, \$120.
- Christmas, candy dish, lid, Santa finial, sleigh, milk glass, molded scrolls, scalloped, holly sprig, hand painted, Westmoreland, 6 x 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, pair, \$225.
- Christmas, figurine, tree, rhinestones, green, red, clear, various sizes and shapes, five-point topper, gold tone setting, round foot, Czechoslovakia, 12 3/4 inches, \$450.
- Toy, wagon, delivery, newspaper, Detroit Times, white bed, red frame, four wheels, restored, child’s, \$480.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

I can think of only one word that has five S’s in its 8-letter makeup.

What word is that?

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Strange BUT TRUE

• Montana’s Flathead Lake looks shallow due to its crystal-clear water, but is actually 370 feet deep.

• The expiration date on bottled water is for the bottle, not the water.

• In 2004, farmers in India used Pepsi and Coca-Cola instead of pesticides because they were cheaper and got the job done just as well. Not surprisingly, Pepsi and Coca-Cola strongly disagreed.

• After eating a large meal, lions can sleep for up to 24 hours straight.

• People used to use bread to erase pencil marks, until Edward Naine accidentally picked up a piece of rubber instead of breadcrumbs in 1770 and – voila! – decided to start selling rubber erasers.

• Two Bosnians had been talking in online chatrooms for a while when they de-

cided it was time to meet in person. They discovered they were a married couple who had been cheating on each other with each other. They ended up divorcing.

• One French cafe, La Petite Syrah, charges 7 euros for a coffee to rude customers but only 1.40 euro to patrons who are polite to the wait-staff. The cafe is located, perhaps unsurprisingly, in Nice.

• Penguin egg whites turn clear when they’re boiled.

• Michael Jackson was said to request that his wine be served in Diet Coke cans whenever he was on a flight. He didn’t want his kids to see him drinking alcohol.

• Saudi Arabia once held a Women’s Rights Conference that didn’t include a single woman attendee.

Thought for the Day: “A good conscience is a continual Christmas.” –Benjamin Franklin

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• To stretch your laundry budget, cut fabric softener sheets in half. They work just as well. Also, save them after they come out of the dryer. They make excellent dusters in the home.

• Love Sudoku? M.K. of Montana suggests that you might love it even more if you color code your grid. Each number 1-9 is assigned a color, and you solve the puzzle as normal, except you color in the box to denote your answer. When it’s all finished, she says, “It looks like a colorful quilt.”

• If the vegetables you are cooking give off an unpleasant smell, grab a small saucepan and simmer a bit of plain vinegar while cooking. It will negate the smell, and leave your house smelling pleasantly like mealtime afterward.

• “Cornstarch is great for itchy, rashy skin. This is true for babies’ bottoms and for doggy bellies, which is what I use it for. My pup is allergic to grass but loves to romp. Sometimes his belly gets red, and I clean it with a mild soap and water, then give him a cornstarch rub. It sure helps.” –T.W. in Ohio

• Want to keep your cut flowers fresh longer? Add a teaspoon of chlorine bleach to the water and change it out every few days.

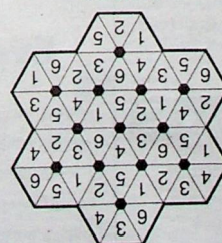
• Spruce up indoor greenery with a little mineral oil. To get your green plants’ leaves shining and healthy, wipe them down with a clean cloth dipped in mineral oil. Rub off any excess.

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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solution



Go Figure!

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Sticklers Answer
“The word is ‘assesses.’”

Super Crossword

TEEPEES

ACROSS

- 1 The United States' landmass, with "the"
9 Rafter's challenge
15 Shul scroll
20 Another similar thing
21 Barack and Michelle
22 Give the slip
23 Like babies who throw tantrums when you try to put diapers on them?
25 News outlets
26 RBI or ERA
27 Film lead-in to "Cop"
28 Photo —
29 More nimble
30 Trellis climber
32 Having a sore mouth from working long hours at a kissing booth?
36 Joint a sock often covers
39 Chipped in, in poker
40 Beckett title character
41 Intense fire used as an energy source?

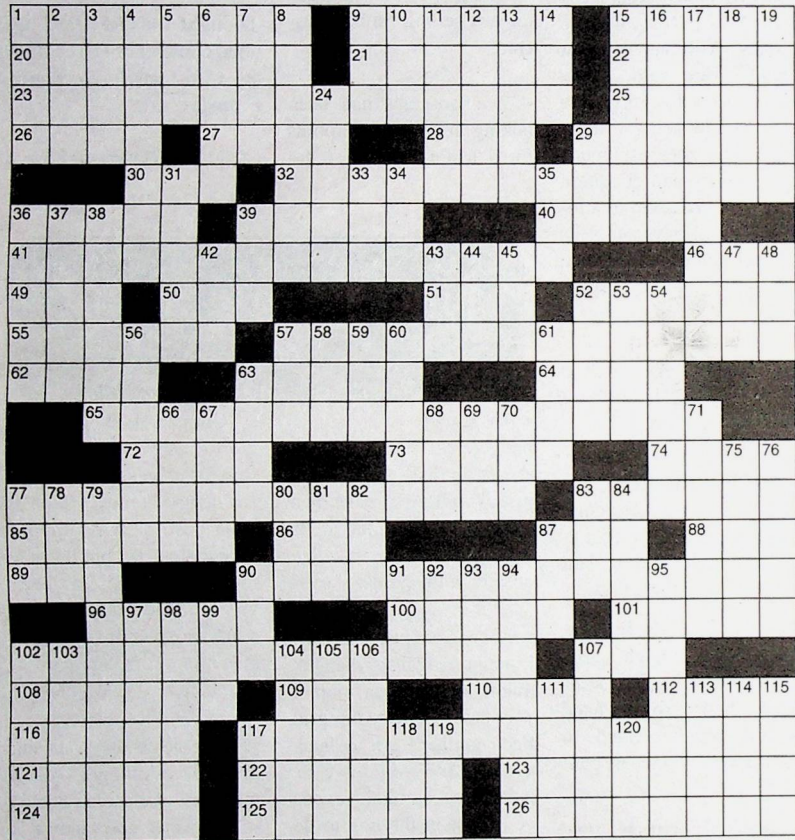
- 46 Pie — mode
49 Abbr. on a road map
50 With
44-Down, decay of building timbers
51 Colon part
52 Communist Joseph
55 Egyptian god of the dead
57 Declaration while pointing at a group of workers on strike?
62 Scent sensor
63 George at Gettysburg
64 Airy melody
65 Statement when you're nearly ready to complete a collage?
72 The "A" of "A-Rod"
73 Depart
74 Air out
77 Mesmerizing horse movement?
83 Limb-bending muscle
85 Is theatrical
86 Pod item
87 Color grade
88 Actress
Gasteyer
89 Tangle of hair

- 90 Inherent hanging-down position?
96 SeaWorld whale, once
100 Fake identity
101 Fuels (up)
102 "It won't hurt to snoop a little!"
107 Body of eau
108 Kind of acid in vinegar
109 Debt note
110 Architect
Saarinen
112 "Slung" food
116 St. — (Caribbean getaway)
117 Hassle of tracking down a missing retirement payment?
121 Vintage song
122 Stress
123 Spiritual self
124 Foundations
125 Peanut butter cup brand
126 Bread
browners

- 6 Indian dish
7 Height: Prefix
8 The whole —
9 King, in Caen
10 Belly
muscles
11 Jean — (perfume brand)
12 Windows ad catchphrase
13 Language of Copenhagen, to locals
14 New jet in '68
15 Worked as an office sub
16 Carry too far
17 Howard Stern's area
18 "Bye, Brigitte"
19 Bodily pump
24 Conductor
29 "Every seat sold" abbr.
31 "La Traviata" composer
33 Spy novelist
Deighton
34 Shareable PC file
35 Vainglory
36 Chef's tie-on
37 "Untrue!"
38 Maryland congressman — Mfume
39 Even a bit of
42 Taxis gp.
43 Mag bigwigs

- 44 See
50-Across
45 High degree
47 Falsification
48 Cookout pest
52 BBQ rod
53 Mosaic piece
54 On the go
56 Withdraw
57 — Aviv
58 Deli meat
59 Footfaraw
60 Model S car
61 Otherwise
63 Long skirt
66 Balm plant
67 Meshes
68 A fifth of fifty
69 D.C. donor
70 Abbr. on a road map
71 Dallasites or Houstonians
75 — word (single-occasion coinage)
76 Plate holders
77 Skirt edge
78 Diva Sumac
79 Broken bits of ceramic material
80 Tax doc. pro
81 House animal
82 Novelist
Santha Rama —

- 83 Festivity
84 Pigeon perch
87 Males
90 Rapa — (Easter Island)
91 Solar beam
92 Frazier foe
93 Sheet fabric
94 Website visit unit
95 Pilot Amelia
97 Actress
McDaniel of "Gone With the Wind"
98 Comes up
99 Nero's 2,100
102 Bigwig
103 Florida city
104 "Uncle" crier, perhaps
105 Explorer — de León
106 Stratagems
107 Disney film of 2016
111 Nevada city
113 Highest point
114 — Pei
115 Mama birds
117 Golf average
118 Ending for opal
119 Extra NBA periods
120 — Plains



by Dana Jackson

Q: I just read that Robert De Niro is going to star in a TV series soon. Has he ever done one before or just movies? — K.E.

A: According to TV Guide, two-time Oscar winner Robert De Niro was "pretty much Hollywood's last A-list hold-out" when it came to starring in a regular television role. The series that lured him away from motion pictures is "Zero Day," a six-episode miniseries that will premiere on Netflix on Feb. 20, 2025. It also stars Emmy nominee Connie Britton ("Nashville") and Oscar nominees Jesse Plemons ("The Power of the Dog") and Angela Bassett ("Black Panther: Wakanda Forever").

While the conspiracy/political thriller will be De Niro's first contract role in a series, he has guest-starred on a few others, playing himself on the NBC sitcom "30 Rock" and the British series "Extras." In "Zero Day," which he also produces, De Niro will play the former leader of the free world, who faces a global cyberattack.

One of the creative minds behind the series is Michael Schmidt, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the sexual harassment case against Bill O'Reilly. He

also wrote the book "Donald Trump v. The United States," which was published in 2020. "Zero Day" is his first TV script.

Q: I love watching "A Christmas Story" marathons when they show it every year on TBS. I know the actor who played Ralphie has gone on to do other things in show business, but whatever happened to Ralphie's younger brother? — M.S.

A: Peter Billingsley, who played young Ralphie in "A Christmas Story," is one of the few success stories involving a child actor in Hollywood. As an adult, he's gone on to produce and direct several projects, even making (and starring in) "A Christmas Story Christmas" — the 2022 sequel to the original. Melinda Dillon and Darren McGavin, who were both brilliant as Ralphie's parents, have since passed away, but their characters live on each year when "A Christmas Story" airs on TBS, TNT and Max.

Ralphie's younger brother, Randy, who ate mashed potatoes like a "little piggy," was played by Ian Petrella. He continued working as a child actor in the 1980s and most recently worked in animation and puppetry, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Petrella reprised the role of Randy in "A Christmas Story Christmas," along with actors Scott Schwartz as Flick (whose tongue infamously adhered to an icy pole in the original) and R. D. Robb as Schwartz (who laughed at



Robert De Niro
(Upcoming in "Zero Day")

Photo: Depositphotos

Flick's predicament).

Q: Is "The Night Agent" returning for another season? My wife and I really enjoyed the first one. — K.A.

A: Yes, "The Night Agent," an action-thriller series based on the novel of the same name by Matthew Quirk, proved to be a big hit on Netflix during its first season. Starring Gabriel Basso ("Hillbilly Elegy") as an FBI agent working in the basement of the White House, it's already been renewed for a third season before the second has even premiered. Look for season two on Netflix, beginning on Jan. 23, 2025.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rowland's Potter | — — — — R — | Hale | — — — — D — |
| 2. Lone Ranger's steed | — I — — — — | Serving tray | — A — — — — |
| 3. Thirsty cloth | — — — — L — | Steeple | — — — — R — |
| 4. Baseball hit man | — A — — — — | Toast topping | — U — — — — |
| 5. Sticky tag | — — B — — — | Boutonniere location | — — P — — — |
| 6. Use one's ears | — — — — E — | Boxer Sonny | — — — — O — |
| 7. Make a call | — H — — — — | Inclined to | — R — — — — |
| 8. Silent | — — — — E — | Homemade blanket | — — — — L — |
| 9. Heap | — T — — — — | Hovel | — — — — H — |
| 10. Hand gun | — — — — L — | Engine cylinder | — — — — N — |

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

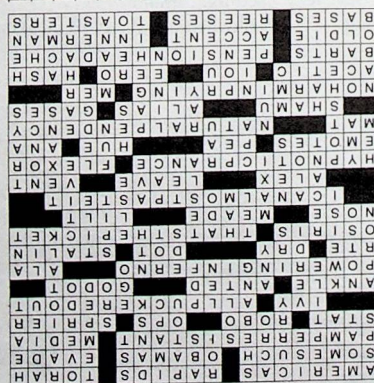
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

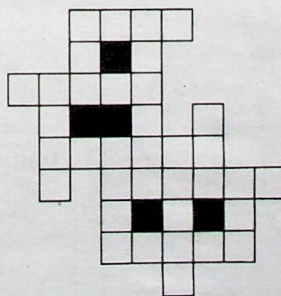


Even Exchange answers

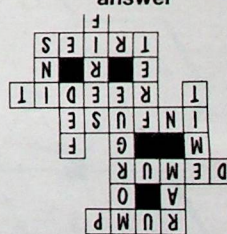
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| 1. Harry, Hardy | 10. Pistol, Piston |
| 2. Silver, Salver | 9. Slack, Shack |
| 3. Towel, Tower | 8. Quiet, Quilt |
| 4. Batter, Butter | 7. Phone, Prone |
| 5. Label, Lapel | 6. Listen, Liston |



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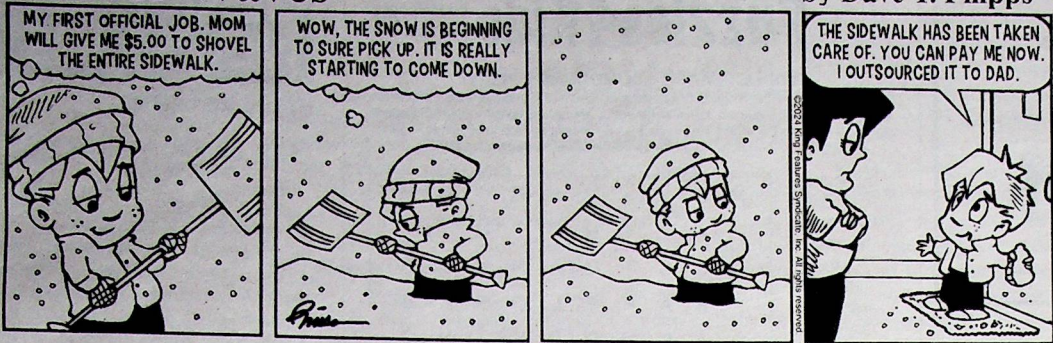
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



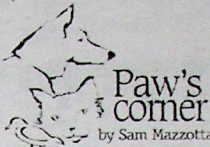
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6	5	4	9	3	8	2	7	1
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Introducing a new pet to your cat

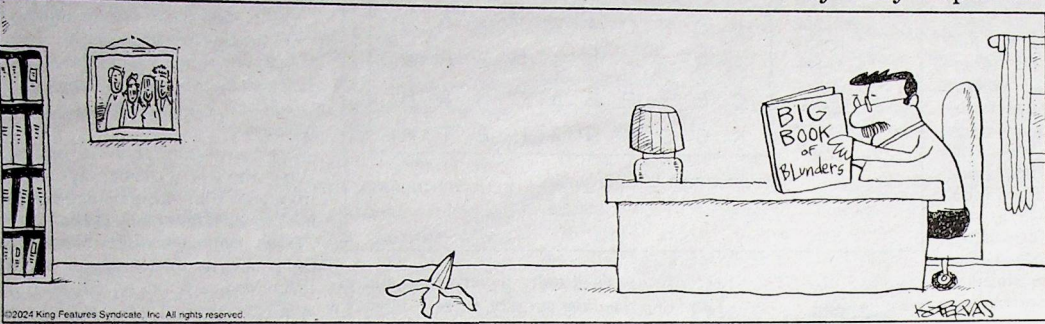
DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently adopted a year-old puppy. "Max" is a friendly, well-socialized dog, and during the trial stay a month ago, my 10-year-old cat, "Nora," seemed to tolerate him. Well, on the second day that Max was home, he started barking excitedly. Nora sprang up and attacked him, cornering Max on the sofa. She batted him around the snout several times. Now, Max slinks out of the room anytime that Nora appears. How can I make peace between them? - Gerry G., Manchester, New Hampshire

DEAR GERRY: I'm sorry to hear that! Introducing a new pet into an established household can be stressful for both pets and sometimes unpredictable. And any negative interactions that occur - from hissing and barking to an all-out boxing match - can make future harmony nearly impossible to achieve. One or both pets may begin to exhibit behavioral issues like aggression, soiling in the house, chewing and scratching, and more. For the foreseeable future, you'll need to manage and monitor all interactions between Max and Nora. As soon as they begin to react negatively, they need to be separated. Reintroduce the two gradually. I recommend taking Max for a nice, long walk before each meeting so that some of his puppy energy is worked off beforehand. Work intensively with Max on basic commands like sit, stay, lie down and come here. When Max is in the room with Nora, have him sit or lie down close to you - they don't have to meet face to face. Limit interaction time to five minutes or less at first, then gradually increase the time.

How do you keep peace between pets in your house? Tell me about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Out on a Limb



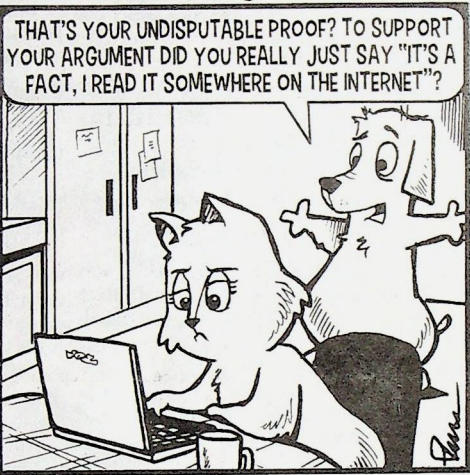
by Gary Kopervas

Americanisms



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



WORD LADDERS

Can you go from FAILS to KINDS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FAILS

KINDS

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

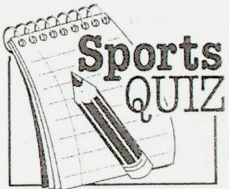
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WASP _____

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RAISE _____

Smooth
MYCARE _____

Prance
VORTAC _____

TODAY'S WORD



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What businessman is the founder, chairman and CEO of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, which owns the NBA's Washington Wizards, the NHL's Washington Capitals and the WNBA's Washington Mystics?
2. The Cyclone Taylor Trophy is awarded annually to the MVP of which NHL hockey team?
3. Name the Las Vegas Aces player who tied Liz Cambage's single-game WNBA scoring record with a 53-point performance in August 2023.
4. Pro softball pitcher, LPGA Tour golfer and U.S. Women's National Basketball Team player Joan Joyce coached softball

(1995-2022) and women's golf (1996-2014) for what college team?

5. Name the Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman who hit the first walk-off grand slam home run in World Series history.

6. Ed Anzalone, better known as "Fireman Ed," is a superfan famous for leading cheers at what NFL team's home games?

7. During a 2015 Indianapolis 500 practice session, what driver was critically injured in a crash when a piece of his car's suspension impaled his left thigh?

Answers

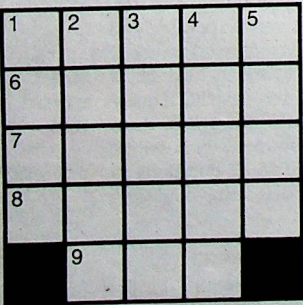
1. Ted Leonsis.
2. The Vancouver Canucks.
3. A'ja Wilson.
4. The Florida Atlantic Owls.
5. Freddie Freeman, in 2024 World Series Game 1.
6. The New York Jets.
7. James Hinchcliffe.

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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
- 1 Ink squirter
 - 6 Measure of prevention?
 - 7 Basketball shot
 - 8 Banana coverings
 - 9 Lang. of Leeds



- Down
- 1 Boozers
 - 2 Earth-shaking event
 - 3 Loosen, as a brooch

- 4 Sheetcake layer
- 5 Football watching venues

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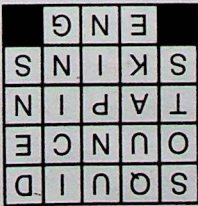
STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 16, 2024

- ON NOW: "Elton John: Never Too Late" (Documentary) - Disney+
- 17-Dec: "Puff: The Making of a Monster" (Documentary) - Peacock
- 17-Dec: "Aaron Rodgers: Enigma" (Documentary) - Netflix
- 19-Dec: "Beast Games" (Reality Competition) - Prime Video
- 19-Dec: "Virgin River" (Season 6) - Netflix
- 20-Dec: "Josh Groban & Friends Go Home for the Holidays" (Music Special) - Paramount+
- 20-Dec: "The Six Triple Eight" (PG-13) - Netflix
- 20-Dec: "Ilana Glazer: Human Magic" (Comedy Special) - Hulu
- 20-Dec: "Juror #2" (PG-13) - Max
- 21-Dec: "Flipping Out" (Seasons 9-8) - Netflix

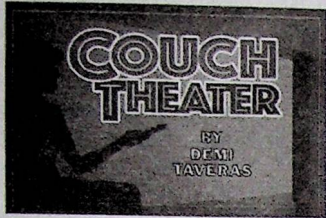
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Micro Crossword Answer



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Answer
FINES, FINDS, FILLS, FAILS, FALLS, FILLS, EMPTY
solution
Today's Word
1. Swap 2. Arise 3. Creamy 4. Cavor

QUINCY SUN FUN



"Fly Me to the Moon" (PG-13) — This film deemed as a "rom-com drama" tells an intriguing story about marketing specialist Kelly Jones' (Scarlett Johansson) efforts to improve NASA's public image during the Space Race. Kelly moves from New York to Cocoa Beach, Florida, to start work at the Kennedy Space Center, where she meets launch director Cole Davis (Channing Tatum), who disagrees with her marketing strategies. However, their opposing energies cause a romantic spark to develop between them, even though Kelly is hiding the fact that she's also been secretly tasked with creating a fake moon landing just in case the Apollo 11 mission doesn't succeed. Ray Romano and Woody Harrelson co-star in the film, which is out now to stream. (Apple TV+)

"Our Little Secret" (TV-14) — Lindsay Lohan ("Irish Wish") and Ian Harding ("Pretty Little Liars") star opposite each other in this Christmas rom-com out now; although for a Christmas movie, the holiday spirit is lukewarm at best. Focusing more on the amusement of its incredulous story rather than the elements needed to tell the story properly, "Our Little Secret" follows exes Avery (Lohan) and Logan (Harding) who receive the surprise of a century when they bump into each other at their new significant others' family Christmas celebration. Realizing their new partners, Cam and Cassie, are siblings, Avery and Logan agree to keep their romantic past a secret so that they can make it through the holiday without any hiccups. The highlights of the film were the quips made by the supporting cast, specifically Kristin Chenoweth, Dan Bucatinsky and Judy Reyes. (Netflix)

"The Wonderful World of Disney: Holiday Spectacular" (TV-PG) — Alfonso Ribeiro and Julianne Hough trade the "Dancing with the Stars" ballroom for Disney to host this holiday special out now! In this 1-hour-and-20-minute spectacular, viewers can enjoy performances of their favorite holiday songs and a few new songs from Disney films like "Moana 2" and "Mufasa: The Lion King." Look out for musicians such as Elton John, John Legend and Pentatonix, as well as familiar faces like Auli'i Cravalho, Seth MacFarlane and Leslie Odom Jr. The performances were filmed in Disney resorts located in Florida, California and Hawaii. (Disney+)



Courtesy of Apple TV+
Scarlett Johansson, left, and Channing Tatum star in "Fly Me to the Moon."

"Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" (PG-13) — This documentary, out now, recounts the life of actor Christopher Reeve, who is known best for his role as Superman in the 1978-1987 "Superman" films. But Reeve's career spanned over 30 years, with many television, theater and directing credits to his name. Unfortunately, in 1995, Reeve suffered a spinal cord injury after falling from his horse, which paralyzed him from the neck down. Fortunately, though, it catapulted him into activism as a result, and he began advocating for disabled people and spinal cord injury research. In the doc, there is ample footage of Reeve and his wife, Dana, as well as his children, Alexandra, Matthew and Will. Actors Jeff Daniels, Susan Sarandon, Glenn Close and Whoopi Goldberg were also interviewed for the film. (Max)

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Contract Bridge

FAR FROM HOPELESS

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J 9 8 7 5 3		♠ 4	
♥ 10 4		♥ Q 9 5 3	
♦ Q J		♦ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2	
♣ A 6 2		♣ 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 6		♠ A K Q 10 2	
♥ J 7 2		♥ A K 8 6	
♦ A K 7 3		♦ —	
♣ K Q 10 9 8		♣ J 7 5 4	

The bidding:
South 1♣ West 2♣ North 4♣ East Pass
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Whenever declarer finds himself in what appears to be a hopeless contract, he should try to visualize some lie of the opposing cards that might allow the contract to be made.

Sometimes the possibility might be extremely remote, but if it offers the only chance, declarer should plan his play on that basis. To do otherwise would amount to giving up.

Consider this deal where it seems that South must lose two club tricks at six spades and go down one. However, South has an excellent chance for the slam if he plays his cards correctly. West's two-club overcall should guide him to the winning method of play.

Declarer ruffs the diamond lead and cashes the ace of trump. When both opponents follow suit, South knows that East started with a singleton spade and, in view of West's two-club bid, with either one club or none.

It follows that East must have lots of hearts and diamonds — and, more especially, that East almost certainly has more hearts than West. If this probability pans out, the slam is ice-cold.

So, South cashes the A-K of hearts and ruffs a heart, then cashes dummy's ace of clubs and ruffs the queen of diamonds.

The stage is now set for the key play. South leads the eight of hearts and, when West shows out, discards a club from dummy! East wins with the queen and is forced to return a diamond. This allows declarer to ruff in his hand as he discards dummy's last club, and the slam comes rolling home.

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by Steve Becker

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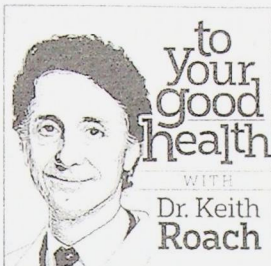
RIDDLE SEARCH — SOMETHING'S FISHY!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What songs do fish sing on December 25th?

ALBACORE
CARP
CHAR
HADDOCK
HALIBUT
HERRING
MACKEREL
MAHI-MAHI
PERCH
PIKE
PLAICE
POLLACK
PORGY
SHARK
SOLE
SPRAT
TROUT
TUNA

M	A	H	I	M	A	H	I	C	H
H	A	L	I	B	U	T	R	T	I
S	L	C	T	M	A	N	U	T	E
P	B	A	K	E	L	O	S	K	S
O	A	P	H	E	R	R	I	N	G
L	C	O	L	T	R	P	C	S	S
L	O	R	O	A	R	E	A	P	H
A	R	G	L	S	I	R	L	R	A
C	E	Y	P	R	A	C	H	A	R
K	C	O	D	D	A	H	E	T	K

Riddle answer: _____



Liver Specialist Recommends Removing Cyst Growing in Size

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was diagnosed with several liver cysts over 15 years ago. My primary doctor and I followed the growth of the cysts by ultrasound, and one is increasing in size. We did an MRI with and without contrast to take a look at the cyst. The radiologist stated that the cyst looked "complex" and, for a lack of a better word, unusual.

A liver specialist's consult revealed that we could remove it if I wanted to. The doctor stated that he just had a patient who had a cyst, and it was cancerous. He felt that it may be best to remove it, but it's not urgent to do so.

I would appreciate your take on this situation. -- L.S.

ANSWER: Simple liver cysts are common, and even when they are large, they do not need to be removed unless they cause symptoms. However, any other cyst than a simple one needs to be carefully evaluated. There are many possible causes, including various types of cancer, especially a mucinous cystic neoplasm, which can be associated with invasive cancer.

I looked at both the ultrasound and MRI reports you sent, and although it seemed to me that the radiologists thought this was likely a simple cyst with some bleeding, they could not be sure. Furthermore, the growth in the size of the cyst is concerning.

In some cases, it's reasonable to wait and redo the scans in 6-12 months when the risk of a cancerous cyst is low. However, since the liver specialist (who has much more experience than I do) is concerned enough to recommend surgery, I don't understand why you would want to wait. I suspect the surgery will prove that it was a benign cyst, but you'll probably sleep better at night once you know for certain.

The surgery is normally done laparoscopically, and although

it's usually a very safe and effective surgery, there is always a small risk for complications. You should speak with a surgeon.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Do you have any comments on the use of metformin for weight loss and prediabetes? I am a 57-year-old woman. -- B.S.

ANSWER: That's one question I can answer based on very good data. The National Diabetes Prevention Program looked at this very issue. Subjects in the study (who averaged 51 years of age and were overweight with prediabetes) were treated with metformin, an intensive lifestyle-behavioral-change program that aimed for a low-fat diet and 150 minutes of exercise per week, or a placebo.

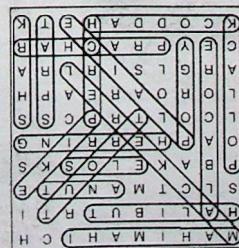
The diet and exercise group had the best response, decreasing the rate of new diabetes by 58% compared to the placebo group. However, the metformin group also had a benefit, with a 31% decrease in the rate of new diabetes diagnoses.

Personally, I recommend both. Metformin does help a bit with weight loss, but taking it along with some diet changes and exercise would likely have a much better response than metformin alone. We don't recommend a low-fat diet anymore, instead emphasizing whole fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and very few processed foods. A registered dietician would be a valuable partner in helping with the diet of your regimen. You don't need to exercise for the whole 150 minutes, but it's a goal you can work toward.

New studies show that drugs like semaglutide are even more effective at preventing diabetes, but they are very expensive and often not covered by insurance.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

Christmas corals.
Riddle Answer:



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Our challenge for 2025

"Your mission, should you choose to accept it ..." Remember that quote, from the "Mission: Impossible" TV show? The show (1966-1973) tasked members of the team with stopping enemy forces, a job that seemed to be impossible but really wasn't. That's our challenge for the New Year, to stop the "enemy forces" who are the scammers that want to steal our money, our identification and our peace of mind.

Some ideas for staying safe:

Ask your senior center to host a seminar about scams aimed at seniors.

Don't click on links in email or text messages.

Don't answer the phone if you don't know who it is. If a caller says they're from your bank, hang up and call the bank to see if they really did call you.

Don't give out any information over the phone, no matter who it is. The IRS, Medicare or Social Security aren't going to call you to ask for your account numbers or threaten to have you arrested.

If a caller asks, "Can you hear me?" never say "yes." That one word will be recorded and give them permission to authorize charges on your credit card, or to make a payment. Just hang up.

If a company claims you're having a virus problem with your computer and wants access to fix it, just hang up.

Never announce on social media that you're going away on vacation. It alerts thieves that your house will be empty.

Go online and search for scams against seniors. Become familiar with all the tricks thieves use to get you to let down your guard. Learn about the red flags for the grandparent scam, the lottery scam, the counterfeit check scam, the undelivered package scam ... there are just so many of them, and they rob seniors of billions of dollars each year.

Make your goal for 2025 to not fall for any scams. It's not impossible.

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1. Name the original title of the Beatles film "Help!"
2. What was a deuce coupe in the Beach Boys' song?
3. "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was a big hit for which group?
4. What was Jesse Belvin's biggest hit?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "All we need is a drummer, for people who only need a beat."

Answers

1. "Eight Arms to Hold You." In the 1965 musical comedy, a sinister cult (complete with mad scientists) is after Ringo, who has a special ring they want.
2. The deuce coupe was a 1932 Ford Model 18. The same model car also appeared in "American Graffiti" in 1973.
3. The Rolling Stones, in 1965. The song topped the charts in the U.S., but in the U.K. it was played on pirate radio stations at first because it was considered to be too suggestive.
4. "Goodnight My Love" in 1956. Belvin died at the age of 27 in a suspicious car accident after playing a concert in 1960.
5. "Dance to the Music," by Sly and the Family Stone, in 1967. It was their first song to get into the Top 10. Thirty years later the song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

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Puzzles4Kids
Answer

Holiday Creations From Indoor, Garden Plants

By MELINDA MYERS

Don't let winter stop you from bringing a bit of the outdoors inside. Take a break from the holiday rush for a bit of gardening and crafting relief. Grab a pruner and basket then wander through your landscape gathering a few evergreen branches, berry-laden stems, and cones to create a holiday centerpiece or décor.

No landscape, no problem. Ask a gardening friend if you can collect a few items from their gardens. Invite them to join in the fun and create their own arrangements.

Gather a variety of greens to create a foundation of texture and backdrop for the other additions. The fan-like sprays of arbovitae, blue-green sprigs of juniper, and stems of other evergreens like yews, boxwoods, pines, and spruces provide all the greenery you need.

Now explore mixed borders and hedges for items with interesting colors or shapes. Red and yellow twig dogwoods, curly willow, contorted filbert, and fantail willow provide interesting color and form.

Collect a few cones, berries, and fruit such as rose hips, blue berry-like cones of junipers, sweet gum seedpods, and alder's cone-like fruit. These are great substitutes for flowers often used in summer arrangements.

Make a stop at your flower gardens for seedheads of coneflowers, alliums, penstemon, milkweeds, balloon plants, and more. Collect fluffy seed heads of non-invasive ornamental and native grasses for filler. All these add beautiful natural elements to any centerpiece or can be painted or glittered for added glitz. And don't be afraid to add a few shiny ornaments for a bit of holiday flair.

Then dress up your indoor

plants for the holidays. Add glittery holiday picks, silk flowers, faux berry-laden branches, and decorative ornaments for more color and sparkle. Add these to small potted plants to create a centerpiece and larger plants to provide more seasonal color to your holiday décor.

Stop by your favorite florist or garden center and purchase a few water picks and cut flowers. Place the cut flowers in the picks and sink them into the pots of your favorite houseplants. This adds some color and seasonal interest to any green plant.

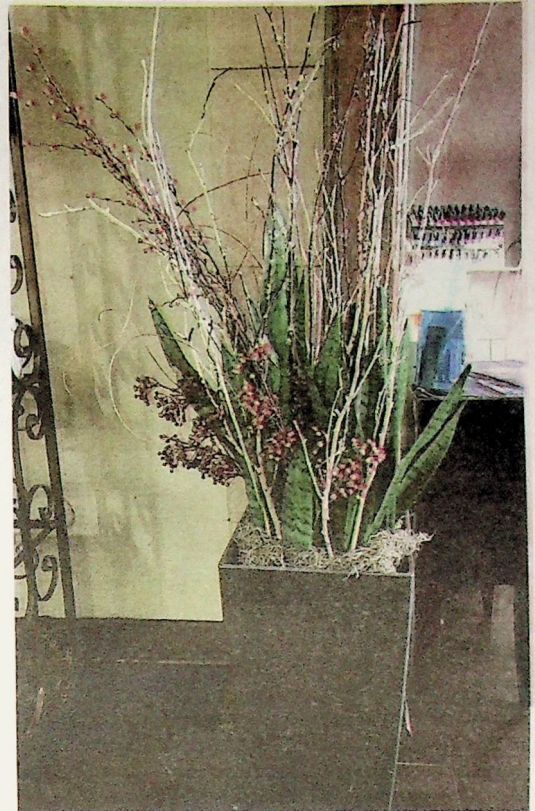
Make them shine year-round with a few seasonal updates. Plant several compatible indoor plants in a large container. Sink a small empty pot in the space where you want to create a seasonal focal point. Set a small potted flowering plant like a miniature poinsettia, azalea, hydrangea, African

violet, or cyclamen inside this empty one. Replace the flowering plant occasionally to freshen up the container garden or create a seasonal display.

Make it even easier to change the display by filling a large basket with a collection of individually potted green and flowering plants. Switch flowers as they fade and foliage plants as the holidays, your mood or the décor changes.

Consider creating a few extras as gifts to share throughout the holidays. You and the recipient will enjoy the festive creation.

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A HOUSEPLANT with branches and berries from the landscape becomes holiday décor.

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SANTA ARRIVED for the holidays by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 30. He was met by many of his fans including youngsters who said hello and shook hands with the North Pole's most famous resident.



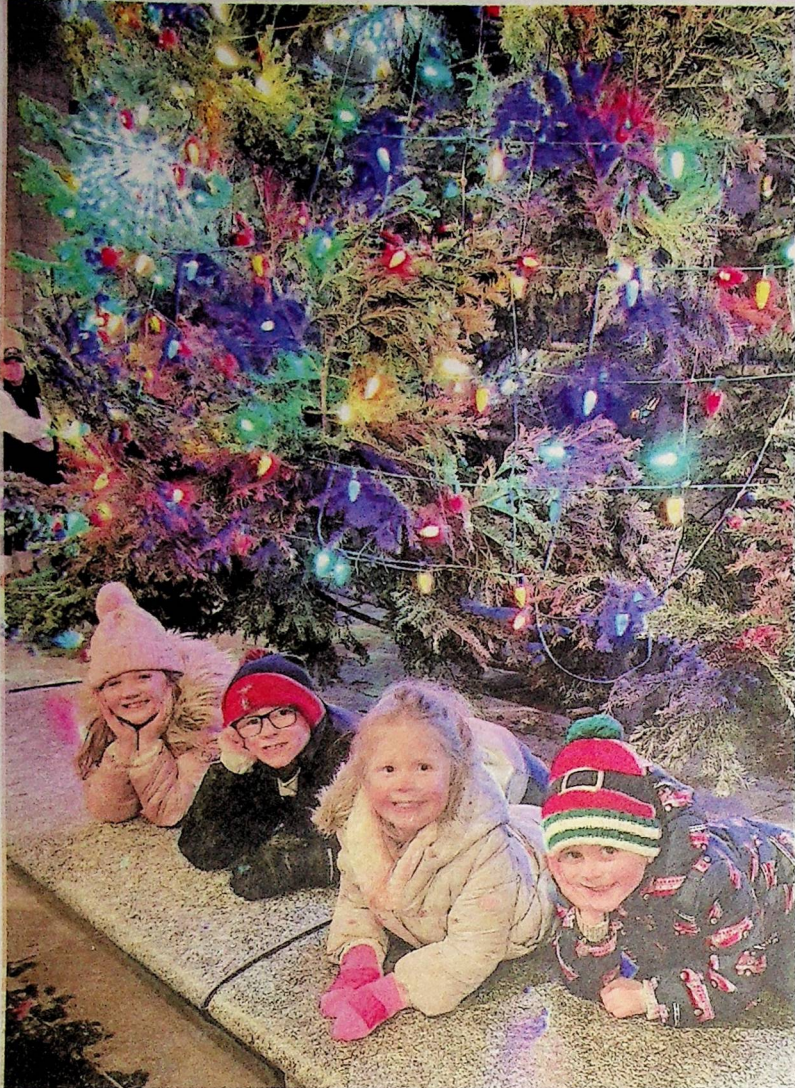
ABRIELLE, age 4, from Quincy, poses with Santa Claus after he arrived by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 30. Below: another family enjoys some time with Santa. From left to right: Olivia, Maddy, Santa, Rosie (black hat), Maeve and Tessa.



QUINCY RESIDENTS Cora, age 3, Remy, age 1 and mom Taylor share a moment with Santa Claus.

Quincy Sun Photos/Larry Carchedi





TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at Hancock-Adams Common Nov. 29 delighted children who enjoyed the colorful lights on the trees and decorations. At left: Julia Griffin, Finn O'Hare, Lucy White and Callum O'Hare relax under one of the colorful trees at the common. At right: Violet Connolly enjoys the snow-making machine (soap suds) as the flakes fall after the decorations and trees were illuminated. Photo at left courtesy of Kerri O'Hare. Photo at right courtesy of Katie Connolly. Thank you for sharing these cute and festive photos with Sun readers.

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